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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

X. C.—1. It was a draw. 2. Bruges.

T. DIXON.—1. Yes, certainly. 2. No charge.

E. BUSHELL.—Heenan and Sayers contested twenty-seven rounds in 2hr 6min. It then ended in a general mix up.

T. LUCAS.—At the Lambeth School of Arms.

A. GRIFFITHS.—179lb bell right hand, 126lb in right hand and 119lb in left, 160lb left hand, 250lb bell, bar bell 177lb, plate bell 161lb left hand, 70½lb with arm at right angles with body, left hand 56lb ditto, simultaneously elevating 70½lb and 56lb in right and left hands, lowered arms to horizonial position by Sandow (professional), at International Hall, Piccadilly, January 23, 1891.

W. L.—He is a light-weight.

T. BUTLER.—1. The horse was ridden by Lester Reiff. 2. First favourite.

E. C. A.—They are not related.

INQUIRER.—The money is put together and divided.

T. METFORD.—1. Oxford won. 2. By twenty lengths.

J. SUMMERS.—It was fully reported last week.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Heenan and Sayers travelled together in Howes and Cushing's Circus shortly after the fight, and such fast friends did they become that Tom Sayers presented a very valuable silver watch to Heenan.

A. T. J. (Bristol).—Two boys.

CARNO (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Send your portrait, and with it full details.

T. W. (Hollymoor).—1. St. Mirin. 2. We are not aware the swimmer you mention is dead, the last time we heard his name mentioned was in connection with a subscription on his behalf. His cousin, Peter, died some time ago.

GEORGE BROWN (Dumbarton).—There are five guards, and if Mace, whose address is Black Lion, Coleshill Street, Birmingham, sends you the book you can see them. The guard for the mark, solar plexus, or button, as it is variously called, is to drop the right hand. The part of the body so described is just above the navel.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS (near Pontypridd).—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, never fought Dick Burge.

LIGHT-WEIGHT (Presteigne).—Yes.

W. H.—He was not knocked out; the referee stopped the contest.

IVY.—1. Not on an English billiard table. 2. The table has no pockets. 3. Cannons only.

T. ADAMS.—1. Points are given for attack, defence, guarding, slipping, ducking, countering, and general cleverness. 2. The hardest hitter would not necessarily be the winner.

J. REEVE.—Yes, certainly.

H. BAKER.—Was once beaten on a foul.

C. S.—The belt you mention was contested for at Wonderland, not the N.S.C.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—The records were published with the portraits of the men.

T. J. VENTER.—At the Agricultural Hall, Islington.

C. O. L.—Tom Sayers was not forty years of age when he died.

W. CRICHTON.—No.

T. JOHNSON.—At any athletic outfitters.

G. FOWLER.—He is not a boxer, but gives displays of ball punching.

A. TARLING.—See advertisement on page 15.

G. BURY.—Under Queensberry rules. The London Prize Ring rules would govern a fistic encounter.

W. TYLER.—A letter addressed "Care of MIRROR OF LIFE" will find him.

W. MEAGHER.—Out of print.

(Several Answers crowded out).

JACK O'BRIEN AND HIS CHALLENGERS.

JOE GANS, BEATEN BY TERRY McGOVERN, BEATS BOBBIE DOBBS.

JACK ROBERTS AND TERRY McGOVERN—AN ABSURD MATCH.

JOHN O'BRIEN is at the present time in great request—so much is his notice desired by the various candidates for the honour of a pugilistic beat up that we have no doubt he will favour us with his presence as long as there is money to be made or an antagonist worthy of his notice. Johnny should be a proud man this day, for he is the recipient of attention from no less than four members of the pugilistic brigade, each solicitous of coming to terms with the boxer of the hour. First we have a gentleman who will match an unknown for £200 a-side and the best purse, with other conditions. Then we have an intimation from Ben Taylor that he has accepted a lucrative engagement with Alf Ball, of sporting booth notoriety, who has billed Ben in large letters on his pitch this week on the Derby downs, and when this engagement is fulfilled he will be willing to meet Jack O'Brien at the "fall of the leaf" or any man in "Merrie England." Hawks do not usually "pick out each other's een," nor would a battle between two Americans be such a draw as an International one between a Britisher and an American; fortunately our latest arrival, "Kid" Parker, has thrown out a challenge to any man in England at 135lb, which is much under the weight at which O'Brien could box, for without any extra exertion Jack has entered the ring for his contests at rather below than above 11st, and if he meets Harry Neumier both men can scale well under 11st. On Saturday last something like business was negotiated between Harry Neumier and Jack O'Brien. Previously in their challenges these men had agreed to battle at 11st, but this has been waived, and the men agree to box at catch-weight. A month is not a long stretch for training when a match is made for £500, but Jack O'Brien, who is evidently now in good condition after his battles with Smith, Thompson, and Chrisp, wished for a near date, and after a little discussion this was granted. The men agree to box twenty rounds, Jack O'Brien staking £300 to Neumier's £200, the battle to take place at Newcastle on June 26. Tom Sayers had a number of easy things in the shape of novices like Bill Benjamin, and ancient lights like the "Tipton Slasher," but Jack O'Brien's bits of grease take the cake. What would be the odds on Jack O'Brien were he scheduled to meet "Jewey" Cooke? We should say, bar accident, ten to one. Yet Harry Neumier makes a match with "Jewey" Cooke which is considered a good one for "Jewey," and "Jewey," no matter how he does it, receives the verdict. When "Jewey" Cooke met George Barley, of Birmingham, at the Olympic Club, Birmingham, at the finish of the tamest engagement we ever saw, we were asked by "Jewey" if we had backed him, the Israelite expecting if such had been the case to receive a solatium. "No," we replied, "we never back a man who has only one hand." Neumier, as in his contest with Jack Scales, may develop unexpected form, but, like so many previous shows, or rather gate-money meetings, taking place at Newcastle, we think the layer of odds stands on velvet. By a perusal of our boxing columns a short time since it will be seen that a challenge to Jack O'Brien has been received from George Gardner, who, it will be remembered, met and defeated the "Coffee Cooler" at Wonderland, and then travelled in company with Jack Everhardt, under the management of Jack Barnes, late of the Olympic Club, to South Africa. Neither George Gardner nor Jack Everhardt have been doing any too well in South Africa. Gardner having returned to the States has challenged Jack O'Brien for the British middle-weight championship. Jack O'Brien does not want to fight for nuts, so he has offered to box George Gardner for nothing less than a "monkey"—five hundred pounds a-side. If George Gardner is half the good man he fancies himself he can surely find believers to back him against Jack O'Brien, who acknowledges that he is but a second-rater in America.

The most gentlemanly black man of them all was Bobby Dobbs during his stay in this country. Bobby always fought to win, gave away pounds in weight, and never used swear words. He defeated our much belauded light-weight champion (Dick Burge), and our "ex-champion of the Navy" (Jerry Driscoll), also Pat McDonald, the boxing hero of Scotland. Finding that meritorious light-weight boxers in England were not plentiful enough to give him another show Bobby left these shores for America. In the States Bobby met with a fair amount of success until he recently fell foul of Joe Gans, and a cablegram to hand tells us he received an awful whopping. Dobbs apparently could make no head against Gans. He was powerless to overcome Joe's guard, while Joe made a complete mess of the Bobby Dobbs who had beaten an Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotchman. Knocked about like a sack of shavings, and powerless to land in return, poor Bobby eventually received the coup de grace in the seventh round—most contests finish up at this unlucky number. Now if all things are on the level this match between Bobby Dobbs and Joe Gans goes to show what a wondrous boy must be this same Terry McGovern. Scarcely more than a bantam this remarkable boxer meets the renowned coloured champion, Joe Gans, and unless Master Joe was playing possum he received a most extraordinary drubbing at the hands of Terry, who proved *Terryble* indeed as far as Gans was concerned. Joe is described in connection with the contest with the "Brooklyn Terror" as being "black, white, yellow and green," a kind of human gorgonzola, and yet this is the Joe who inflicts such a terrible hiding on Bobby Dobbs.

When making the remark about Joe Gans and Terry McGovern we cannot help thinking of the absurdity of a match between Jack Roberts, of England, and Terry McGovern, of America. Will Curley is defeated, and defeated badly, by George Dixon, Curley only saving himself from a much earlier defeat by clinging to his opponent, and outraging all rules, Queensberry or otherwise. What chance would Jack Goldswain and Wood, of Clapton, or Tom Ireland, who have all overcome Roberts, have with McGovern? Surely this is too absurd. While George Dixon proves but a chopping block for Terry McGovern, Will Curley at the N.S.C. cuts Jack Roberts to ribbons, and according to all known rules of warfare Jack Roberts should have been beaten. It was just the case of one man in an almost insensible state having more vitality than the other toeing the scratch a hopelessly beaten man; but Curley had shot his bolt and could not finish. Jack Roberts is but a one-handed fighter, whilst Terry McGovern has two, and terribly hard punchers they are. Our opinion may be wrong, but if ever Terry McGovern and Jack Roberts come together—knowing one only by what he has done and the other from having seen him repeatedly perform—we shall be willing to back our opinion by something more substantial than words.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Frank Lowry.
Mr. Joseph B. McShane (Philadelphia).
M. Gormley (Ex-champion cyclist of Ireland).
Jack O'Brien (Philadelphia).
"Kid" Parker (Denver, Colorado).
Hugh Gilbert (New York).
Charles Gregory (Boston).
Jack Lewis (America).
Sams Evans (Rotherhithe).
Alf Green (Spitalfields).
Bob White.
Arthur Miller (Footballer).
Ted White (Market House, Poplar).
Jem Bailey (Marylebone).
Harry Slough (Southwark).
C. Ellett.
Private Cronk (West Kent Regiment).
Private James (West Kent Regiment).
Warren Gilbert.
C. Brown-Shipley.
Charley Ryder (Hoxton).

THE SIGNALMAN HAS A MAD VISITOR.

An Escaped Lunatic Defies Capture.

(Subject of Illustration.)

AT a lonely signal box, placed midway between two important stations, in British Columbia, stands a wooden signal box. Morris, the operator, was sitting quietly listening to the regular tick, tick, which came from the instrument, and which plainly indicated that the mail express would pass in less than ten minutes. The latch was raised, and a tall figure of a man robed in a long shirt and bootless, pushed the door open and entered the box. Drawing a large sheath knife, he advanced upon the unlucky Morris, who, pulling himself together, seized a stool to protect himself, and sent off a message to the next box, "In danger; come at once." The man with the knife hurried up to the now really startled official, and with threatening gesture warned him not to approach the table. It seemed ages to Morris before help arrived, who secured what proved to be an escaped lunatic, and but for their timely aid many lives would probably have been lost by an accident to the express which was due to pass.

CHARLEY KNIGHT AND THE CHAMPION TAME FOX, AND HARRY DAY AND THE FAMOUS DEERHOUND ROSS

Both to be Seen at the House of Charley Knight, the Crown and Anchor, Old Kent Road.

(With Portrait.)

THIS fox, it will be remembered, was kept in a stable at Westminster, from which it escaped and was found wandering in Westminster Abbey by an astonished verger, by whom it was captured and conveyed to Scotland Yard. Harry Day was communicated with, and the fox's demonstrations of affection when Harry entered the "Yard" were so great that the officer in charge asked Day not to take the fox away just then, but to let his chief, who would be there shortly, see it. It is needless to say that the chief was surprised. This very fox, which is a vixen, bit Harry severely at the start of her training, when about six months old, but ended as above stated, giving the lie to the remarks propagated that foxes cannot be tamed. Ross, the dog shown in the portrait, is a famous deerhound, brother to Laura, the champion.

HOW A MISER RECEIVED HIGH GAME.

Sent as a Present by Practical Jokers.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A GENTLEMAN who was known for his miserly habits was the recipient of a large hamper, which was carefully deposited by the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company's official at his door, and from there transferred to the kitchen. In his eagerness to know the contents he ordered the domestic to bring up the hamper for his inspection, but you may judge of his surprise when oyster shells and refuse of all kinds were brought to light, and a stinking turkey, embellished with a bright rosette—for such is the condition of the bird no one can be bribed to approach it on account of the filthy odour which emanates from its rotten carcass. The sender will not be discovered as Mr. X. is too mean to offer a reward.

BROKE UP THE CROCKERY AT THE RESTAURANT.

He Found it too Expensive a Game.

(Subject of Illustration.)

CHARLES GASTON was charged with wilfully destroying plates, dishes, and various articles in a cheap dining establishment in Soho. Charles was under the influence of beer and whisky, and demolished all within his reach with the stick he carried, to the consternation of those who were sitting at the other tables. When placed in the dock he could give no reason for his behaviour, and when questioned stated that he knew nothing of the matter. Ten pounds or six weeks. The money was forthcoming, but he said it was an amusement that was too expensive to play every day.

MURDER AND SUICIDE IN FRANCE.

A Well-to-do Frenchman Kills His Wife and Ends His Own Life.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A WELL-TO-DO Frenchman named M. Millieu returned home to his house at Lille after a journey to Paris, where he had been unsuccessful in negotiating some financial business, having recently invested large sums on the Stock Exchange, by which he had contracted heavy losses. On entering his apartment he drew a revolver and shot his wife in the forehead, and, turning the weapon on himself, fatally shot himself in the chest and fell dead beside his wife.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, May 25, 1901.

The Editor Mirror of Life, London.

Sizzing over with wrath, James J. Corbett, clad in a long yellow mackintosh, stood in front of his saloon on Broadway, near Thirty-Fourth Street, Sunday afternoon, and pointed at the locked door and then at a policeman who stood guard in front of it. "Look at this," said the pugilist; "I've got a hotel license, and have as much right to keep open to-day as any place in town. Just look at that saloon on the other side of the Broadway. Is that closed? Is the one on the corner closed? Is there any other saloon in the whole precinct but mine closed up by the police. This is a nice deal, isn't it? Captain Flood comes round from the Tenderloin station the first thing this morning, when my manager was getting ready to open up, and says to him in the presence of twenty men 'I'm going to put this place on the bum, if your open up I'll put every man I find in the place in a cell. And tell the main cheese if he tries to keep open I'll chase him off Broadway.' Now what do you think of a captain of police saying he would 'put my place on the bum,' and saying he would 'chase' me, the main cheese, off Broadway? This is dirty work for the police to do. I don't blame Flood; he is only doing what he has been ordered to do. A man who has a grudge against me and who has a big pull at headquarters has taken this way to get square. He went down to Mulberry Street, and got the people there to order Flood to persecute me in this way. Flood came around first on Friday night, and said we would have to close up at 1 a.m., and now he comes around this morning, and keeps a policeman in front of this door all day to arrest us if we open, although we have got as good a right to keep open as any other place. Flood said that my place was not run on the level, and that robberies were committed here. If anyone was robbed here why wasn't a report of it made, and why haven't the police made arrests? They know as well as anybody else that my place is respectable and that no crookedness is tolerated here." "Perhaps you haven't given up enough dough for protection, Jem," said a bystander. "I'm not giving up, and I don't have to give up. If they mean to keep this up I'll fight back. I'll take the case to court. If they keep me closed I'll force them to close up every other place in the precinct. This closing-up game means a loss of 1,000dols a month to me." On Friday night, when he first closed Corbett's, Captain Flood said the saloon was frequented by the worst gang of "grafters" in the Tenderloin, and that three men had been swindled there within a week.

Prospects are good for a fight for the championship of the world next August between Jeffries and Ruhlin in San Francisco. The Californian has been in the city for several days, resting after his theatrical tour, and announces that after he has had a rest he will be ready to start for San Francisco. Billy Madden, manager for Gus Ruhlin, arrived in New York last week and at once visited Jeffries. Madden said yesterday, "Gus Ruhlin is very anxious to fight, and we are waiting on Jeffries to agree to terms and a date. When I saw the champion the other day he said he was willing to fight, but wants big money. I think we can get it in San Francisco. On behalf of Ruhlin I have accepted an offer from the National Sporting Club of 65 per cent. of the gross receipts and 500dols for expenses. I am sure Jeffries and Ruhlin can draw a 30,000dols to 35,000dols house. The champion has not yet accepted this offer, but I think he will unless something better is proposed. Ruhlin is now at Dyker Heights, and spends his leisure time playing golf and taking long walks to keep in good condition. I hope Jeffries will make up his mind in a hurry, as Ruhlin wants to fight the champion. We would like to start for 'Frisco, as I have several profitable dates to be filled on the way out." Madden is anxious to get a fight for Denver Ed Martin, and offers to back the coloured man for a side bet of 1,000dols a-side against any man in the world barring Jeffries and Ruhlin. Before another year has passed Jem Jeffries expects to be among the retired pugilists of the world. It is not because he feels that after that period the inevitable beating will be coming to him, but just because, as he says, the fighting game has grown so cheap it is not worth a fellow's time to train for a bout. "Ruhlin, as I have agreed," says the champion, "will be my first opponent, and after I beat him I will give Sharkey another chance. When he has finally been put out by a blow of my good left hand I will quit and let the other fellows battle for the championship for the insignificant purses offered nowadays."

When Bob Fitzsimmons has seen his best days as an actor he ought to be eligible for the rôle of an animal tamer. Hasn't he subdued ferocious lions and made pets of them, just as the ordinary individual domesticates a kitten? But that is not Bob's latest exploit. A great Dane, as vicious a looking beast as exists in the canine world, is his latest pet, but it is nobody else's. In fact, nobody else wants it for such a purpose. It is Fitz's and Fitz's alone, and until some cruel Brooklyn or Bath Beach motorman or automobilist runs it to earth it will be Bob's. But woe to the fellow who manipulates the machine that ends its worthy existence. "Beauty"—that is the new pet's name—was twelve months old when Fitz was presented with it in Chicago by his friend, Fred G. McNally. There are very few who would accept such a gift, even though this same beauty may be worth considerable money. Ugly Great Danes do not take very kindly even to owners after they have reached the year-old stage, and usually resent all attempts at familiarity. In Beauty's case his record for mangling was a pretty bad one. The story goes that this same dog lacerated two lions so badly with his teeth that they had to be sent to an animal hospital for repairs. Then many bulldogs were said to have fallen victims to his teeth, but still Fitz took him. Bob just looked at the dog a few times, and in a few days he had it doing stunts on the stage, such as punching the bag. He has it under perfect control now, and as long as it is with him it will probably remain that way. But still "Beauty" is a beauty, as far as that goes in a Great Dane. He is over three feet and a half high, and weighs more than 180lb. Brooklynites will have the opportunity of seeing the massive canine at the Gaiety Theatre next week, for Fitz is scheduled to close his season with "The Honest Blacksmith" there. They will see, too, "Beauty" punching the bag in his own peculiar way, by jumping on his hind legs and swatting the leather with his front paws. He did it at Providence, and will probably be able to do it here.

Charley Mitchell sees a chance for a great fight in England, and wishes to match Tommy Ryan against Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. The mill would drive the Englishman wild with delight, even though both boxers were Americans. Stick a pin right in here the statement that O'Brien is the only man alive who can meet Ryan at anywhere near Tom's weight and come pretty near whipping him. If O'Brien gets worse than a draw with Ryan it will show that Thomas is really better than he ever was.

"Kid" McCoy and Charley Mitchell have joined hands, and are travelling on the road with a theatrical company. They are appearing this week at Boston in a sketch called "The Gladiators." During the action of the sketch McCoy and Mitchell box, and those who have seen the Englishman put up his hands say that he has not lost any of his old cleverness.

A benefit to Peter Jackson, who is ill with consumption at Sydney, Australia, netted the noted coloured heavy-weight 2,000dols. According to a letter received in this city by Sam Fitzpatrick, Jackson cannot live more than a few months.

Abe Willis, of Australia, who was defeated by George Dixon for the bantam championship of the world at San Francisco in 1891, says that he will visit America again in a few months. Willis, who is now a light-weight, declares that he is in fine condition, and will be ready to meet anybody in his class.

Peter Maher is figuring on taking a trip to Ireland during the summer, in company with his wife. Maher's mission abroad is for the purpose of seeing his parents and visiting the grave of Tony Sage, the well-known Irish bookmaker and sport. Peter says that there are several good fighters in Ireland, and he may bring two of them to this country and manage them.

At Baltimore, Md., Pat Raedy, of Washington, was knocked out by "Kid" Carter, of Brooklyn, in the second round of a bout scheduled to go twenty rounds. Raedy had the better of it in the first round, but a blow on the ribs in the second sent him to the floor senseless, and it was several minutes before he revived.

The Southern Athletic Club of Louisville, Kentucky, announces the matching of Dave Sullivan and Terry McGovern for the feather-weight championship of the world. The date will be some time during the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templars the last week in August.

Frank Slavin, the once noted Australian heavy-weight champion, has left the Klondike, and is now at Calcutta, India, where he has opened a boxing school. Slavin, who is reported as being in good health and prosperous, has been matched to box Teddy McAuliffe, another Antipodean, at Calcutta.

At Toronto, Rube Ferns, of Pittsburg and Kansas, knocked out Matty Matthews here in the tenth round to-night one minute and a half after the bell rang. The men fought for half the gate receipts, three-fifths to the winner. The purse amounted to 1,500dols.

Al Neill, the champion welter-weight of the Pacific Coast, has signed articles to meet Tommy Tracey, the former champion in this class. The struggle is for twenty rounds, and will be decided at Seattle the latter part of this month.

It is not thought that "Spike" Sullivan will return to the ring, as he has found a more profitable job. He is an agent for a Louisville whiskey firm, and it is said that the noted Irish pugilist is doing well.

THE TATTLER.

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HER LONG LOST HUSBAND RESTORED.

Sensational Scene at a Wedding Party.

(Subject of Illustration.)

When the Lady Alice sailed from London she carried away Albert Wood as a second class passenger to the West Indies. It was fated that she should not reach a port again, nor was she heard of any more. Her passage out was but of a few days' duration when a violent storm overtook the vessel, and, with the exception of three lives, all on board that ill-fated vessel found a grave in the Bay of Biscay. Eighteen months soon passed away, and the young wife, who had heard of the loss of the Lady Alice, had at last become reconciled to the death of her young husband, who had taken passage, and Mrs. Wood decided to leave London, where she had no friends, and visit an elderly relative in the North of Scotland. Here she passed a quiet four years of widowhood. Her position and quiet manner was well known to the inhabitants of the village in which she lived, and the Rev. McIntyre had frequently pressed his suit in the hope of leading her to the altar. After many refusals she at last consented, and on the morning of the nuptials the friends of the rev. gentleman gathered at the church to be present at the ceremony, but as those interested were about to take up their positions a stranger hurriedly pressed forward and kissed the would-be bride, to the astonishment of all present. Two hearts were again united, for the husband whom she had thought dead had returned to search for the woman he loved, and who was about to sacrifice her lot to the minister, who attempted to separate the pair. Mutual explanations followed, and the wife and husband left the church and village for good.

A CURE FOR SOMNAMBULISM.

She Tied Herself to a Peg above the Bed.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A young girl who for some time has walked in her sleep, determined to avoid any accident, should she unconsciously act in the same manner, attempted to restrain herself in a novel manner: Having secured her hands, with stout cords she suspended her arms from the peg above her head. Nothing more serious happened than being unable to extricate herself, and her calls for help aroused her mother, who fortunately released her from such an unpleasant position. We should recommend her in future to tie her feet, as being easier of accomplishment.

YOUNG WILLIAMSON, OF HAMILTON,

A Smart Light-weight Trotting Jockey. Worthy Son of a Worthy Sire.

(With Portrait.)

He has won some of the most important handicaps in Scotland in the course of the past four years. He is only seventeen years of age, and should have a brilliant career. His services are indeed in much request.

OUR LETTER BOX.

The following letters are now lying at The Mirror of Life office, and will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope:—

Jack Goldswain.
Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler").
Tom Burrows (Australia).
John Bell.
Willie Curley (Newcastle).
P. I. Newell.
T. Naish.
Frank Lowry (two).
Billy Ross (three).
Jemmy Davies.
"Kid" Parker (America).
Harry Smith.
Mr. Bert A. Dorman (Boston) (two).
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AND THOSE INTENDING TO MARRY
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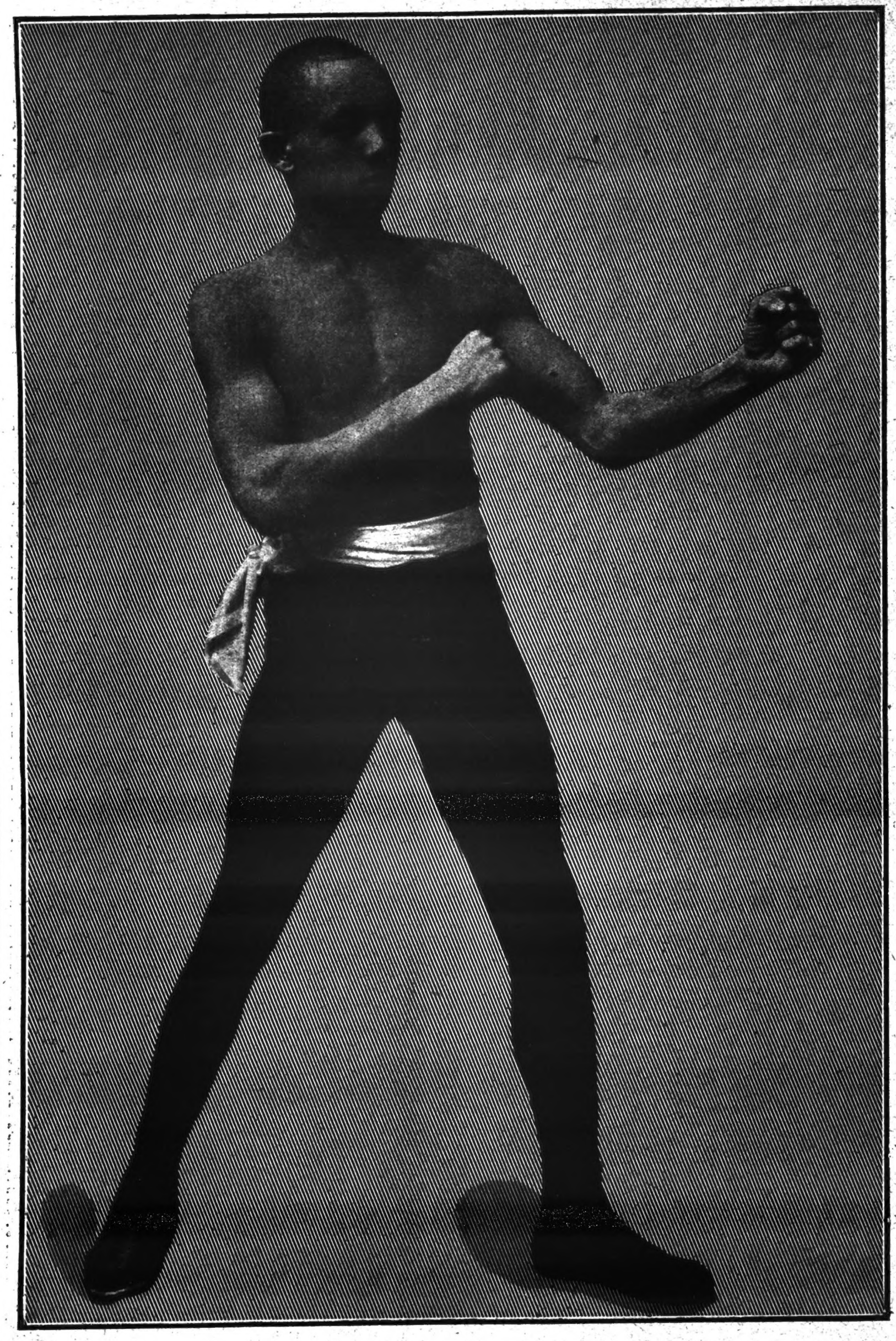
LOST AND FOUND.

"I called in answer to an advertisement for a boy," said a bright-faced little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the mill owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. he thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so!" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief, and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]



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ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

THE ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY at both morning and evening performances was hardly up to the usual standard, but the performance passed off splendidly. Where there is only praise to be given all round probably the musical ride evoked the most applause, and the cleverly-executed movements were bewildering, the different and difficult changes following each other in rapid succession. The grand pageant representing "The Inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth" was given at both performances. Details:—

AFTERNOON.

Heads and Post (Auxiliaries).—Corporal E. A. Retter, Devon Imperial Yeomanry, and Corporal E. J. Cuming, Devon Imperial Yeomanry, 18 points each; Corporal C. E. Edwards, Shropshire Imperial Yeomanry, 13 points. So far a tie for first prize has ensued between three competitors, as in addition to the two Devonians mentioned above, Trooper John Chatham, Staffordshire Imperial Yeomanry, also on Friday afternoon placed 18 points to his credit. It may not be generally known that in addition to the cuts and points there is also a time allowance for completing the course of 28sec, with deductions of one point for every 2sec over that time.

Tent Pegging (Auxiliaries).—Sergeant F. J. Cuming, 1st Devonshire Imperial Yeomanry, 16 points; Quartermaster-Sergeant Leighton, Shropshire Imperial Yeomanry, 15; Sergeant W. T. Keen, Bucks Imperial Yeomanry, 10; Corporal E. A. Retter, 1st Devon Imperial Yeomanry, 7. This leaves four competitors to run off for the first prize, so that nothing under the H.P. will entitle a man to a prize.

Lance (Mounted) v. Bayonet (Auxiliaries).—Corporal Willoughby, London Rifle Brigade, and Sergeant Brett, 12th Middlesex R.V., have to fight off for first and second prizes, and Sergeant Keen, Bucks Imperial Yeomanry, and Sergeant Murray, 20th Middlesex R.V., for third and fourth.

Sword (Mounted) v. Bayonet (Auxiliaries).—Final: Colour-Sergeant Read, 2nd South Middlesex R.V.S. (bayonet), first; Sergeant Keen, Bucks Yeomanry (sword), second; Colour-Sergeant Laitby, 1st Middlesex R.V.S. (bayonet), third; Sergeant Brett, 12th Middlesex R.V.S. (bayonet), fourth. Fighting off for first and second prizes, Read secured the first hit after Keen had fenced away in grand style seven points. The swordsman then made honours easy, but afterwards the bayonet, as usual, had the better, and Read, obtaining the third and fourth hits, won the premier prize. Laitby and Brett then met, both being armed with the bayonet, and as the former scored the first, third, and fourth hits, losing the second, the third prize fell to him.

IN THE EVENING.

Riding and Jumping (Volunteer Mounted Infantry).—First Team 12th Middlesex Volunteer Mounted Infantry, first; First Team 4th V.B. Royal West Surrey Regiment, second. A very close competition, the second team scoring 55 points.

Sword v. Sword (Mounted Auxiliaries).—Squadron Quartermaster Sergt. Jones, Montgomery Imperial Yeomanry, beat Lance-Sergt. Liddell, Lothian and Berwick Imperial Yeomanry, by two hits to nil. Sergt. Keen, Bucks Imperial Yeomanry, a bye.

Tug-of-War (110st). Finals.—12th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers beat the 3rd London Rifles team by two pulls to nil. Catch-weight. Finals.—4th London Rifles beat the East London Royal Engineers Volunteers by two pulls to nil.

Heads and Posts (Auxiliaries).—Quartermaster Sergt. Leighton, Shropshire Imperial Yeomanry, 13 points; Private G. H. Astall, Cheshire Imperial Yeomanry, 12; Squadron Quartermaster Sergt. J. J. Nickells, 1st Devonshire Imperial Yeomanry.

Lemon Cutting (Auxiliaries).—Quartermaster-sergeant Hoyland, Yorkshire Dragoons, Imperial Yeomanry, 18 points, Quartermaster-sergeant Deverell, Bucks Imperial Yeomanry; Lance-sergeant Liddell, Lothian and Berwick Imperial Yeomanry; Squadron Quartermaster-sergeant T. S. Jones, Montgomery Imperial Yeomanry, 13 points each; Sergeant S. B. Gray, Yorkshire Dragoons Imperial Yeomanry, 3.

Sword v. Lance (Mounted).—Corporal E. A. Retter, 1st Devonshire Imperial Yeomanry (lance) beat Squadron Quartermaster-sergeant J. J. Nickells, 1st Devonshire Imperial Yeomanry (sword) by two hits to nil; Sergeant E. J. Cuming, 1st Devonshire Imperial Yeomanry (sword), a bye.

Tug-of-War (scratch teams).—Royal Marines beat the Bluejackets by two pulls to one.

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL Sports.—At the London County Grounds, Herne Hill, the City of London School sports commenced at eleven o'clock in the morning of Friday, and it was not until late in the afternoon that the last race was decided. H. Van Namen performed most prominently in the school events, and won the challenge cup for the winner of the highest number of points, F. J. C. Shepherd being second, a few points behind. Van Namen won the hurdle race in 20 3-5sec, the high jump at 5ft, and the long jump at 17ft 10in. In the 100yds race he finished second to Shepherd, who won by a yard in 11 1-5sec; and in the 220yds race he was beaten by Shepherd by 5yds. The half-mile race resulted in an easy win for A. R. Green in 2min 15sec, with Shepherd second and Van Namen third. In the quarter-mile race the order of finishing was the same, Green's time in this event being 57 3-5sec. A fine performance was accomplished by R. E. Davis, of Queen Elizabeth's School, in the quarter-mile scratch race open to all public schools. He took the lead from the start, and although he had to contend against a strong cross-wind, he won anyhow by 100yd in the splendid time of 55 3-5sec. The three miles bicycle handicap for old boys resulted in a narrow win for G. A. Whiter (300yd) by about a length from F. A. Napier (scratch), in 7min 32 4-5sec. A. M. Pollard (2yd), the school champion of 1899 and 1900, just managed to beat R. C. Cole (5yd) in the 220yd old boys' handicap in 25 4-5secs. The mile handicap for past pupils of public schools was easily won by J. N. Cormac, Ayr Academy (65yd), in 4min 45 3-5sec, W. E. Jennings (City of London School) being second. The challenge cup for the junior champion was secured by J. Eppenheim with seventeen out of a possible thirty points.

DEATH OF AN OLD NORTH YORKSHIRE Sportsman.—The death has just taken place at Rugby of Willie Thompson, an old and respected servant of the late and present Lord Myddleton, and who was over thirty years connected with the Birdsall Hunt. Thompson was a typical Yorkshireman, a grand horseman, a good judge of a hound, and he was well respected in the country. He resigned his connection with the Birdsall Hunt shortly after a serious fall when following hounds near Rudstone, and he subsequently set up as livery-stable keeper and hotel proprietor at Rugby, where he died at the ripe age of seventy-six years. Thompson was a noted breeder of the wire and smooth-haired fox-terriers, and the Birdsall kennel was known over England. His best was Jester II., a prize winner at the Crystal Palace, Birmingham, &c., which was sold for a very high figure.

SWIMMING.—WILLIAM FINNEY, the well-known natationist, whose recent attempt to dive off Tower Bridge will be in the memory of most persons, took a benefit on Wednesday at the Latchmere Road Baths, Battersea. Details: Two Lengths (66 yards) All-England Handicap.—Heat 1: W. Harrison, 12sec start, first; C. Ball, Battersea, 9, second; F. Roach, Fulham, 16, third. Won by a foot; a yard between second and third. Heat 2: Dick Jones, Lambeth, 13, first; Fred Burrows, Battersea, 5, second; G. Leggett, Battersea, 10, third; A. E. Swain, Battersea, 25, 0. Won by a yard; same divided second and third. Final: W. Harrison, 12, first; Dick Jones, 13, second; C. Ball, 9, third, F. Burrows, 5, fourth. Won by a yard; half a yard between second and third. Grand exhibition of ornamental swimming and motionless floating by Miss Alice Sinclair, Miss Alice Gore, and Miss Nellie Sylvia. 100 Yards Swimming Race:—Professor Fred Burrows, first; Professor W. Finney, second. Won by a yard. Splendid exhibition of high and scientific diving by Professor Gerald O'Rourke. Walking on the water by Miss Alma Beaumont. Display of trick and ornamental swimming by Professor W. Finney and Professor Fred Burrows. The Laughable Aquatic Derby: Fred Burrows, Battersea, first; C. Ball, Battersea, second; G. Leggett, Battersea, 0; Dick Jones, Lambeth, 0. Won easily. Duck Hunt: W. Harrison. Sensational dive in flames from the roof by Professor W. Finney.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE (CORK) A.C. sports were productive of some fine performances on Saturday. P. J. Leahy (the amateur ex-champion high-jumper of England), with his allowance of 1ft, won the long jump championship at 23ft 8¼in. D. Murray (of Dublin) easily retained his hold on the 100yd championship of Munster, and also won the 100yd open handicap from scratch. Time, 10 1-5sec.

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PRESENTATION TO BILLY Smirks.—One of the best known sports in the metropolis is old Jack McCarthy, a man who has been associated with boxing for over forty years. During half of them every East End boxer that has any pretensions to class was certain to find a supporter in old Jack. About sixteen years ago the Blue Coat Boy, in Dorset Street, Spitalfields, was the sporting house of the neighbourhood, and McCarthy was a frequent visitor to see the lads contest with the mittens. Anxious to make a presentation to an old friend, Jack invited a number of ladies and gentlemen, and a harmonious meeting ensued, champagne flowing like water. Our representative was one of the few invited, and as soon as he was seated the glass was handed round. Towards the latter part of the evening, or rather the early hours of the morning, McCarthy, in a neat speech, presented the boxer, Billy Smirks, a well-known amateur boxer, with the cup, and in a few well-chosen words the latter replied. Steve McCarthy ably acted as pianist, while the harmony was kept alive by Flora Kendal, A. Manley, Jack McCarthy, Mrs. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Steve McCarthy, Patsy McGuire, the representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE, the two star turns being Miss Marie Deane, who had to sing again and again before those present were satisfied, and Miss Marie Kendall, who topped the bunch. The London favourite had to satisfy the audience by singing six songs, and even then the star of all stars had to repeat the chorus. In the early hours of Thursday the first of the party wended his way homewards, but had to drink the health of Old Jack in sparkling vintage before the latter was satisfied.

THE DIAMOND SCULLS.—Followers of rowing will be glad to hear that Mr. Harry T. Blackstaffe, who is now captain of the Vesta R.C., in spite of rumours to the contrary, will compete in the Diamond Sculls at Henley this year. The ex-champion is in magnificent condition, and without doubt will have a great chance. He is out daily. Mr. Cloutte, London R.C., is assisted by Charlie "Nibs" Gibson, while Mr. W. C. Bond, Leander R.C., is doing very good work with young "Bossy" Phelps, who last year trained E. G. Hemmerde. Last year's winner of the Wingfields, Mr. C. V. Fox, Guards Brigade R.C., is rowing at Windsor with Bert Haines. The popular young Guardsman is after Tom Sullivan as a trainer, and if he succeeds in obtaining the big New Zealander he will be a strong opponent to Blackstaffe in the absence of Howell and Hemmerde. So far as foreign entries are concerned, it may be stated that Mons. Prevel, Nice, will again be over. No entries have been received from the States, but a Canadian representative has been rowing recently from Mr. Clasper's, Putney. He shapes pretty well, though not in the usual and necessary amateur costume. It is stated that he will not enter for the Diamonds, but if he does he will be a very dangerous customer to those already seen on the lower waters. Mr. St. George Ashe is at Cambridge, where the English champion, George Towns, is assisting him for the ensuing rowing campaign. Of the other candidates in training, Johnson, of Twickenham, is under the care of Wm. G. East, Richmond, and the famous ex-champion thinks he has a good man, although not one exactly in the same class as Guinness and Howell.

WEST END ATHLETIC AND CYCLING Association.—Included in the West End Athletic and Cycling Association's sports programme at the Crystal Palace on Saturday were sundry inter-team and individual championships. E. H. Clube (Kensington A.A.A.) created a surprise in the 100 yards flat championship by beating H. J. Pridmore (Harrodian A.C.) for that honour in 10 3-5sec. E. Shrewsbury (Holborn Circus A.A.) won the quarter of a mile championship in 55 2-5sec. The well-known Queen's Park Harrier, H. F. Darby, was first man home in the mile inter-team flat championship, which his club (the Grove House Harriers) won. Time, 4min 44 2-5sec. L. H. Steggall (Harrodian A.C.) won the mile cycle championship, after a waiting race, in 3min 31 2-5sec, and figured prominently in the two miles inter-team cycling race, which the Magpie Club won. Steggall also won the mile cycle handicap from 20 yards behind scratch in 2min 25sec.

ATHLETICS AND AQUATICS AT Glasgow Exhibition.—Matters athletic and aquatic are not moving along very smoothly at the Glasgow Exhibition just now. There is much parsimonious strained relations between the S.A.A.A. and the Sports Committee, while the Swimming Association consider that they are being indifferently treated. A very little more of this kind of thing and a block and estrangement is a certainty, and what will the executive "do then, poor things?"

BILLIARDS.—THE BILLIARD match of 3,000 points up between John McNeil (brother to the late Hugh McNeil) and W. Hannah for £40, is to be played in the saloon of Messrs. Orme and Sons, West Nile Street, Glasgow, on the afternoons and evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, 12th and 13th inst. These rooms have lately been enlarged and redecorated, and are the neatest things of their kind in Scotland.

NEWMARKET STABLEMEN'S Sports.—This meeting was held on the cricket field, in beautiful weather, early last week, in the presence of a large company. At the conclusion Mrs. Daniel Cooper, of Warren Tower, distributed the prizes. The most important event was the scratch flat race for the Dewar Cup, confined to members of the institute. F. Callow won last year, and was again successful. Results: 100 Yards Handicap (apprentices and members of the institute): Final heat.—E. Pulley, 7yd start, 1; G. Jones, 4, 2; S. Vallance, scratch, 3. Won by inches only. Time, 11 2-5sec. 100 Yards Handicap (stablemen and members of the institute): Final heat.—G. Jones, 14yd start, 1; A. Chatwin, 3, 2; R. Ritchie, 3; W. R. Pack, 4. Jones won the deciding heat easily. Time, 10 3-5sec. Half-mile Handicap (stablemen and members of institute).—G. Hales, 75yd start, 1; S. F. Webb, 30, 2; F. Callow, scratch, 3. Won easily. Time, 2min 39sec. Brooklesby Stakes 120 Yards Handicap (stablemen over forty).—J. Parry, 20yd start, 1; W. Richmond, scratch, 2; T. Cox, 10yd start, 3. Won by two yards. 100 Yards Handicap (open).—R. Ritchie, 7yd start, 1; R. Chatwin, 6, 2; A. S. Fordham, 8, 3. Won by three inches. Time, 10 3-5sec. Quarter-mile Handicap (members and apprentices under nineteen).—W. Cawtheray, 30yd start, 1; C. Abrey, 25, 2; G. Hales, 10, 3; L. Marsh, 15, 4. Won by two yards. Time, 56 2-5sec. 100 Yards Handicap (registered members of institute and apprentices under fifteen).—A. Thrlfell, 4yd start, 1; F. Wharton, 6, 2; F. Crossley, 12, 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 12 3-5sec. 120 Yards Hurdle Race (stablemen and members).—S. Granville, 10yd start, 1; S. Lawrence, 5yd, 2; R. Clarke, scratch, 3; G. Frazer, 7yd, 4. Won by inches only. Time, 20 2-5sec. Half-mile Steeplechase (stablemen and members of institute).—W. C. Johnson, 1; W. Smith, 2. Won easily. 220 Yards Handicap (members and apprentices under seventeen).—E. Pully, 12yd start, 1; C. Abrey, 10yd, 2; C. E. Vallance, scratch, 3. Won by two feet. Time, 28sec. One Mile Race (Dewar Challenge Cup) (members of institute).—F. Callow (holder), 1; J. Griffiths, 2; A. F. Parr, 3. Won easily. Time, 4min 30sec. 120 Yards Handicap (apprentices and members under fifteen).—F. Sladden, 4yd start, 1; F. Crossley, 15yd, 2. Collier came in first, but was disqualified for not being an apprentice. Time, 14 1-5sec. Other minor events were also decided.

IMPORTANT FOOT RACE IN SOUTH Wales.—James Kerton and Reuben Carpenter for £50.—The interest centred in all kinds of matches decided in the big sporting centres of South Wales is somewhat surprising, for it's immaterial whether it is a boxing contest, cycling, rabbit coursing, trotting, or a pedestrian spin that is on the tapis. The match under notice was between Reuben Carpenter, of Newbridge, Mon., and James Kerton, of the sporting neighbourhood of Ebbw Vale, who had signed articles to run 110 yards for £25 a-side. The appointed referee was chosen on the ground. The venue was the running grounds at Blaina. Of the two pedestrians Carpenter is undoubtedly the better known in South Wales. For the match under notice he was placed under the care of that well known and respected pedestrian, E. A. Long, of Cardiff, who brought him to the mark in splendid trim. Kerton had only had one engagement prior to meeting his present opponent, when he easily beat T. Lewis, of Cwm, for £20, at Cwmbrain. For this match Kerton was trained by Morgan Price, of Ebbw Vale. Five o'clock was the time appointed for the men to toe the mark, but long before this crowds could be seen wending their way over the hills, and a record gate must have been taken. At first odds were wagered on Kerton, but there was so much money for Carpenter that he soon became a hot favourite, and before toeing their marks his chief supporters, Mr. B. Ibbotson and Mr. A. Pell, offered 100 to 50 on him. This, however, did not daunt Kerton, as he wagered his gate money at evens. All being in readiness, the referee ordered the men to their marks, and in dead silence despatched them at the first attempt to a grand start. For the first fifty yards it was a tough struggle, but at sixty yards Carpenter showed slightly in front, and finishing with his usual gameness, he broke the worsted about a yard in front of his opponent.

THE SERPENTINE CLUB.—AN ideal morning for a dip in the open was that of Wednesday, when the members assembled in force under the spreading branches of the time-honoured "Old Elm Tree" on the southern shore of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park. The occasion was the opening heats of the second handicap of the club's thirty-seventh season. The distance was half a furlong, and some excellent racing was witnessed, especially betwixt some of the "new blood" whilst the old members fully sustained their reputation for close finishes. 110 Yards Handicap.—Heat 1: W. J. Grosvenor, 23sec start, 1; J. Vickers, 23, 2; B. Foulds, 32, 3. A splendid race, ending in the defeat of the late hon secretary by a foot; a yard between the next two. Heat 2: L. H. Richards, 24sec start, 1; T. Plose, 13, 2; J. A.

Hutchinson, 13, 3. Won by six inches; a bad third. Heat 3: W. Adamson, 25sec start, 1; L. A. Beechy, 15, 2; F. W. Sedgwick, 42, 3. Beechy led until two yards from the finish, when Adamson shot to the front, and won by half a yard; a yard between second and third. Heat 4: Dr. Barrett, 38, swam over. Final heat to-day at seven a.m. On Wednesday, June 19, a "steak supper," with presentation of prizes and concert, will be held at headquarters, the Builders' Arms, Britten Street, Chelsea, S.W.

GYMNASTICS IN THE CITY.—Ladies, as well as the sterner sex, now exercise the muscles of the body, and the trained members of the St. Bride Foundation Institute indulged their friends with a gymnastic display last Wednesday evening. What would have been thought a century ago of young ladies on the parallel or horizontal bars, vaulting horse, rings, or using dumbbells, singlestick, barbells, &c.? The inhabitants of Old England would have cried at the thought of such a thing, but why, in the name of goodness, should not the fairer sex indulge in these displays. Physical culture is the finest method by which a man can render himself capable of undergoing great exertions and render himself as strong as a young horse. The muscular development of all parts of the body tend to increase the strength of a man, and to such a pitch of perfection have some men, including the champion wrestler of the world (Jack Carkeek), brought their strength that it can only be described as horse power. Why should the fairer sex be debarred from the same thing is what some people ask, and it is only right that ladies should attain to the degree of strength that can only be developed by gymnastic exercises and physical practices. There was a good muster of both sexes present at the St. Bride's Institute last Wednesday, when the ladies attached thereto showed their friends how they had benefited by a course of muscular work. Mr. J. W. Gaze, C.C., acted as chairman, while Mr. J. W. Vardon, N.S.P.E., officiated as director. Miss Ebner led the class through a pleasing display with the bar-bells, and then the vaulting horse was brought forward to delight the spectators. After a display of jumping that the gentlemen were greatly pleased with, the dumbbell exercise was the next to attract attention. Many different positions were the ladies put into, and after a lengthy display loud applause greeted the performers at the close of this display. An Indian club display by Miss A. Blanche delighted everybody, and the many combinations arrived at by the lady would have puzzled the majority of men to do. Next on the list were the free exercises, and these obtained the recognition they deserved, each lady in turn coming in for applause. The pyramid on the parallel bars as well as the squad exercises came in for a more than ordinary amount of cheering, while the high jumping came next, Miss L. Ebner tying with another lady in clearing 4ft 9in. This was performed from a low spring board, and a marching maze concluded the entertainment. The ladies who took part in the display were L. Ebner (leader), S. Hammond, R. Ebner, A. Ebner, A. Blanche, F. Beauchamp, Hall, Miller, Letzer, Stanford, Annigarn, Wallace, Jones, Edwards, Clinch, Poullen, Cooke, Cole, Wright, &c. Miss R. Cohen officiated as pianist, and during the evening two presentations were made, Mr. A. Bale receiving a silver medal for all round excellence, and Mr. H. O. McDowell a similar one of bronze.

A BOY RUNNING PHENOMENON.—Christ's Hospital Sports.—The boys of Christ's Hospital held their last annual sports' meeting in the London district at the Herne Hill Grounds on Wednesday in ideal weather. They remove to Horsham next Easter. The school possesses a promising young, all-round athlete in Duck, who carried off the majority of events in Class II., and shared with Saxton (Class I.) the honour of school champion. Penalised a yard in the 100yd, Duck won easily in 11sec, thus equalling the school record for boys of his age. In the 440yd race, penalised 3yd, he won by fully 30yd in 59 1-5sec. With 5yd start in the 250yd handicap he beat Saxton (3yd) by a couple of yards for first place, in 33sec; and in the three-quarters of a mile race, penalised 8yd, he won anyhow in 4min 3sec. In the long jump contest in Class II. he beat the previous record by 9in by jumping 18ft. Indeed, in this event he out-distanced the winner in Class I., Sharpe, who could only accomplish 16ft 11in. Saxton, in Class I., won the sprint in 11 1-5sec; the 440yd race in 56 3-5sec, and the hurdle race in 15 4-5sec, besides finishing second in several other events. An interesting feature of the meeting was a ward competition flag race, which was run on the principle of a 400yd relay race, the four competitors representing the various wards running 100yds each. In this event Duck was also first home, and he thus won the contest for Ward I.

THE AMERICAN CREW FOR HENLEY.—The University of Pennsylvania will only be represented at Henley in the Grand Challenge Cup, and will not have a four in the Stewards. In view of the Inter-Varsity races at Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson, the Philadelphians can only send one crew across the Atlantic, and the eight will be picked from the following:—S. Crowther, W. G. Gardiner, J. P. Gardiner, S. Allyn Gurdon, H. Gaathoven, L. J. Smith, J. E. Goodman, S. J. Henderson, H. E. Pepper, Van A. Lea, R. R. Lane, A. G. Jackson, J. S. Sharpe, H. E. Gillespy, S. Metzger, J. R. Shoek, R. H. Eisembrey, G. S. Keller, and F. L. Davenport.

MOTOR BLUE RIBBON.—GREAT Race from Paris to Bordeaux.—The great automobile race from Paris to Bordeaux was run on Wednesday, and won in 8h 44min, an average of nearly forty miles an hour. The Gordon Bennett Cup was won by M. Girardot in 11hr 24min, an average mileage of just over thirty per hour. The Paris-Bordeaux race resulted as follows: M. Fournier, 1; M. Farman, 2; and M. Voigt, 3. The pace for the latter race was simply awful. The distance was covered in 8hr 44min 31sec, lowering the record by 2hr 59min, the average mileage per hour being a fraction under forty. The first eight competitors in the Paris-Bordeaux automobile race completed the distance in the following times:—Fournier (Motse), 8hr 44min, 1; Farman (Panhard), 9hr 14min, 2; Voigt (Panhard), 9hr 49min, 3; Axt (Panhard), 10hr 20min, 4; Giraud (Panhard), 10hr 42min, 5; Paisin (Panhard), 10hr 49min, 6; Psete (Dion-Bouton), 10hr 56min, 7; Girardot (Panhard), 11hr 24min (winner of the Gordon-Bennett Cup), 8.

TROUTWORTH CATCHING.—THERE is at present in the neighbourhood of Teddington Lock a 20lb trout, which was placed in the river in Jubilee year by the Thames Angling Preservation Society. This trout passes most of his time in jumping high out of the water "and looking like a porpoise." So far the united efforts of all the great Teddington anglers have failed to arrest the wild career of this extraordinary fish.

ROUND THE WORLD IN A CANOE.—A daring voyage has been undertaken by two venturesome British Columbians. J. L. Voss, a master mariner, and Norman Luxton, a newspaper man, have arranged to make a tour of the world in an Indian war canoe. The craft is 40ft long and 4ft wide, contains a cabin large enough for both to sleep in, and is provisioned for six months. At each end is a watertight bulkhead, and the canoe is so constructed as to be practically uncapsizable. The voyagers were to start for Australia on May 29, and they expect to reach Sydney at the end of September. They estimate that they will reach England in about two years.

DEATH OF A VETERAN SHOT AND Angler.—There has just died in Dumfriesshire, in his ninety-first year, a fine old Scottish sportsman, Mr. William Scott-Elliott, of Arkleton. He was a school contemporary of Sir Walter Scott, with whom in later life he dined. He was carried around Edinburgh on a footman's shoulders to see the illuminations after Waterloo. Up till three years ago he had never missed a "twelfth" on the moors, and held the remarkable record of seventy-four years' grouse shooting without a break. He was a keen man to hounds, and hunted with the "Duke's" in the days of "Will Williamson." There was hardly a stream in Scotland where he had not killed the speckled trout, and he is stated to have been one of the first to take a salmon river in Norway.

END OF VALKYRIE III.—VALKYRIE III., the great racing yacht, made her last trip one day last week, when she was towed out of Gourock Bay to Glasgow to be broken up. The magnificent craft, upon which Earl Dunraven lavished his wealth and Mr. Watson his skill as designer, has been lying a sheer hulk for two years at Gourock, and she has now been sold to metal dealers for the ninety tons of lead in her keel. She was built in 1895, and was the second boat with which Earl Dunraven raced for the America Cup.

ACCIDENT TO A CYCLIST.—W. A. Edmonds, the amateur one-mile cycling champion, sustained terrible injuries through a fall in a ten miles race at Cardiff, and will be unable to compete in the English championships at Bristol this month.

THE ROYAL MILITARY TOURNA-ment.—The Royal Military Tournament was opened on Friday by Earl Roberts, Commander-in-Chief, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The massed bands of the Brigade of Guards were present, and played Jullien's "British Army Quadrilles" at the start. Several competitions were opened, and the tournament was launched most successfully in the presence of a large crowd.

TROTTING AT BLACKPOOL.—There was a large attendance at Raikes Hall Gardens, Blackpool, last week. The programme included a match between Lady R. and King of Pearls, for £100, the race being the best two out of three heats, the horses to trot without jockey or sulky. Lady R. trotted without a fault, and won twice in succession, King of Pearls galloping the whole of the distance, and being disqualified for both races. In the first venture Lady R. was backed down to 5 to 2 on, and there was no wagering on the second race. Lady R.'s times were 12min 38 2-5sec, and 12min 35 1-5sec. The Record Race of £20 was won by Mr. Slater's Margarite Louise, of Blackpool (owes 18sec), who won the first and third heats, the latter at 6 to 1 against. The First-Class Handicap of £30 was won by Margarite Louise, who started at 6 to 4 on.

THE BRIGHTON TO BRIXTON Walk.—Seeing that W. Griffin, the old Polytechnic Harriers' trainer, is forty-six years of age, he accomplished a fine performance on Monday when walking from the Aquarium at Brighton to the Crown and Sceptre at the top of Brixton Hill in 8hr 51min 17sec. The distance covered by Griffin was just under forty-eight miles. He thus settled, with 1hr 8min 43sec to spare, the bet of £25 a-side between his backer, Mr. H. B. Hartnell, and time's supporter, Mr. W. E. Collis, as to his ability to cover the distance within ten hours. A south-westerly wind was blowing behind the walker all the way, and the roads until reaching Croydon, where they were slippery and greasy owing to a rainstorm, were in excellent condition. Two watches were compared at the start, which took place at 9 a.m., Mr. L. E. Mongiardino officiating as referee and (in a phaeton) accompanying the pedestrian, who was attended by L. Pinnock, of the Polytechnic Harriers. Griffin strode out in fine form, reaching Bolney Hill at 11hr 21min 36sec a.m., Handcross at 11hr 55min 3sec a.m., Crawley 12hr 39min 16sec p.m., and Merston at 3 p.m. (six hours from the start), while, after passing the milestone in Purley Village at 5hr 19min 5sec p.m., and Croydon just before 7 p.m., Griffin reached his destination, an easy winner, at 8min 43sec to 8 p.m. precisely. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd in the vicinity of the Crown and Sceptre to see the finish.

LADY CYCLE RACES.—IN REsponse to the request of numerous lady cyclists, Messrs. J. Ritchie and J. W. Wilkinson have revived at the Royal Aquarium the bicycle races in the main hall, which were so popular three or four years ago. The present track is an improvement on that previously laid, and is ten laps to the mile. On Monday afternoon the racing proceeded in three sections. In the first there were Mesdames Leslie, Marcelle, Gavett, and Palmer; in the second, Mesdames Anderson, Abou Kaiia, Golding, and Webb; in the third, Mesdames Blackburn, Harwood, Palliarde, Pattison, and Ward. Each section rode two hours, and occasionally there were some exciting "sprints," but not all the riders were accustomed to the track, and consequently there were numerous spills, much to the merriment of the onlookers. The present contest lasts until Saturday, and, judging from the past records of many of the lady cyclists, interesting sport may be anticipated. To those who are unfamiliar with the Aquarium track it should be mentioned that the racing in no way interferes with the variety performance on the centre stage, which just now is above the average, as the management are keeping on the Whitsun holiday programme. Among the latest additions to the attractive entertainment is a company of Hungarian minstrels and dancers, who are well worth seeing. At the close of the day's racing the results were:—Section I: Miss Gavett, 29 miles 5 laps; Miss Leslie, 30 miles 8 laps; Mdlle. Marcelle, 32 miles 1 lap; and Miss Palmer, 24 miles 5 laps. Section II: Mdlle. Abou Kaiia, 32 miles 2 laps; Miss Anderson, 36 miles 9 laps; Miss Golding, 31 miles 9 laps; and Miss Webb, 27 miles 5 laps. Section III: Miss Blackburn, 37 miles 2 laps; Miss Harwood, 37 miles 2 laps; Mdlle. Palliarde, 3 laps; and Mrs. Ward, 29 miles 7 laps.

JUMPING MATCH FOR £50.—AT the Queen's Ground, Barnsley, early last week fully 600 persons witnessed a jumping match for a stake of £50 between Fred Morgan and Edward Jones, both of Roystone. The conditions were one hop, eighteen strides, and a jump. Betting ruled at 3 to 1 on Morgan, who essayed first, and covered 64yd 2ft 6in. Jones followed, but failed to reach his opponent's measurement by 8ft. W. Edon was referee. A 200yd straight dog race was set down for decision between Bailey's Spot, South Kirkby, and Hockkiss's Blue, Hemsworth, for £30. Blue failed to appear, and Spot drew forfeit.

REMARKABLE DEATH OF A FAM-ous racer.—Mr. T. R. Dewar has sustained a severe loss by the death of Perthshire, by Royal Hampton out of Mentone. On Saturday the horse, who had been turned out of training preparatory to going to the stud, while being exercised on the road, reared up, and, falling backwards, broke his neck. Perthshire commenced his racing career by winning the Hyde Park Plate at the Epsom Spring Meeting of 1897, and had since secured several prizes of minor importance.

JEMMY BOTSEY'S BENEFIT.—A short time since that well-known walker Jemmy Botsey, of Limehouse, was accorded a concert benefit at Mr. Lange's, the Gallant Hussar, Carr Street, Limehouse. It may be mentioned that a few years ago Botsey beat Bill Higgins in an hour's walk (Botsey receiving 880 yards start), but such form did Botsey show that his friends matched him to walk Jem Ray, of Limehouse, fifty miles, for £50, when Ray was declared the winner. Jemmy a short time ago met with a serious accident, having the misfortune to break both his wrists, and is still a patient at Poplar Hospital, and awaiting another operation, hence his appeal to his friends; and it is pleasing to state that they showed up in strong force, as also did several well-known star artists, who kindly proffered their services, all doing their best to assist.

THE AMERICA CUP.—SHAMROCK II. is being thoroughly overhauled, and no modifications in her construction are considered by experts to be indicated by her misadventure. The race is more than ever certain to be sailed in a calm, now that the date has been postponed, and the suitability of Shamrock II.'s construction for those conditions is made evident by her behaviour in a Solent squall. These and other consolations are now counted up. Things might have been much worse, even apart from all risk to human lives. The mast may have snapped. But the boom was all right.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM GRIFFITHS.—The remains of this respected boxer (brother to Tom Griffiths, of Camberwell) were interred recently at Forest Hill Cemetery. Deceased was only twenty-seven years of age, and died of consumption. At the graveside were his wife, mother, and brother (Tom), Mr. and Mrs. Wright, W. J. Natty, Alfred Andrews, Walter Kettle, Jack Hawkes, W. Heskett, Shamus Sheen, Mr. Frank Allen, Mr. Fred Allen, old Dick Hawkes, Tom Mead, Mr. Alf Woolf, Mr. W. Blackman, Charlie Wilson, Jack Gibley, John Hudson, and Charley Evans.

ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL SPORTS at Wood Green on Saturday (where Insull won the Victor Ludomm prize, and J. E. Eldridge, of Grocers' School, won the 220yd public schools' race) and Borough Polytechnic Institute Sports at Dulwich (where J. Calman, with 330yd start, won the mile handicap walk in the phenomenally fast time of 6min 3-5sec) were also held in the London district.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN Railway sports on Saturday attracted a goodly gathering to the club ground at Wembley Hill, where many events were successfully decided. H. W. White, although owing 11½in, won the high jump at 5ft. ½in, and A. E. Munn won the mile flat race for the silver challenge cup, which he will hold for the ensuing year. Time, 5min 19 3-5sec.

PHENOMENALLY FAST HANDICAP Mile at Northampton.—At Northampton Infirmary Sports on Saturday S. J. Robinson, the two miles steeplechase champion (who was beaten by A. Shrubb in a five miles match on Whit Monday), was in fine form. With 85yd start he won the mile handicap in the fast time of 4min 14secs—only 1½sec outside W. G. George's world record, and 1 3-5sec faster than T. P. Conneff's American amateur record, and 3sec faster than F. E. Bacon's British amateur record, for the distance.

J. G. BURNS, THE CHAMPION CLOG dancer, met with a terrible accident at Glasgow, and is now lying a sufferer with an amputated leg at the Royal Infirmary in that city. We shall be pleased to accept any donations to aid this clever artist, which will be duly acknowledged in THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

BAGATELLE.—PHIL ISAACS (Hoxton) to W. Green (Islington).—P. I. is open to play W. G. two out of three games at Mr. Steve Morgan's, King Henry the Eighth, Union Street, Borough, from £1 to £5 a-side and a spread for a dozen, the games to consist of 1,000 up at bagatelle, 1,000 up at nomination, and 250 cannons. A reply through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will lead to business.

ROWING.—FOREIGN ENTRIES FOR Henley Regatta.—The foreign entries, which closed on Saturday, are as follow:—Grand Challenge Cup: Club Nautique of Ghent; Goblets: De Somerville and Van Crombrugge (Club Nautique of Ghent); and Diamonds: L. X. Prevel (Club Nautique of Nice). These are in addition to the American entry for the Grand Challenge, viz., Pennsylvania University.

THE WORLD'S SCULLING CHAM-pionship.—After all there is a likelihood of J. Gaudaur and G. Towns meeting to decide the sculling championship of the world. The English champion has covered Gaudaur's £100, and, providing satisfactory articles are submitted, the men will meet in September.

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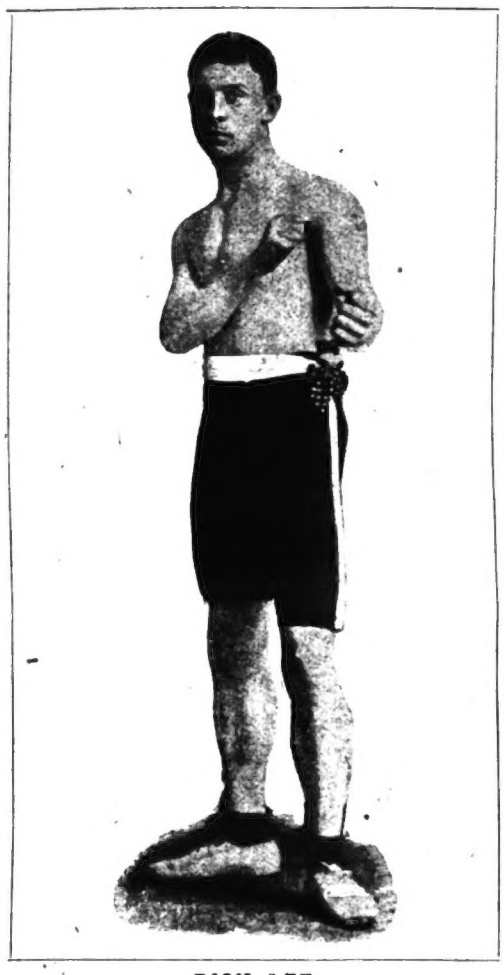

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EVENTS TO COME.

THE following contests will take place during June:—

JUNE 6.—At the Malakoff Club, Liverpool, Willie Gill v. Ben Taylor, twelve rounds.

JUNE 6.—Boxing at the New Adelphi Club, Maiden Lane.

JUNE 10.—Arthur Morris's Grand Assault-at-Arms at the Oddfellows' Hall, Hanworth Road, Hounslow Town.

JUNE 10.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, James Brophy v. William Robinson, twenty rounds.

JUNE 10.—At the Excelsior Gymnasium, Stockton-on-Tees, Andrew Wood v. Alf Lloyd, twenty rounds.

JUNE 11.—At the Bradlaugh Road Club, Newington Green, "Dido" Plumb's 8st 4lb Novices' Competition.

JUNE 17.—At the Standard Theatre, Gateshead, "Kid" Veitch v. Charley Exall, twenty rounds.

JUNE 24.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Lachie Thompson v. Jack Palmer, twenty rounds.

"KID" PARKER.

JACK O'BRIEN WRITES CONCERNING OUR RECENT VISITOR:

Whilst in London last week clinching the match with Neumier, I had the pleasure of a visitor in the person of "Kid" Parker, of Denver, Col. We had a long chat, and I find that he is "pleasure bent," but, like the professional business boy that he is, is not averse to meeting some of the boys in his c'ass before returning, providing it is made worth his while. He was as chipper as a school boy, and looks to have lost flesh since I saw him last; but I learned he has had a severe attack of typhoid fever, and has taken the ocean trip to improve his health. I think he shall be found as one of the most gentlemanly behaved and unassuming chaps in his line. As one of the few boys that manage themselves in the States, he has done remarkably well, but of course has not had the paper notoriety that most of the boys do in America; but I can vow that he has used judgment with the hard-earned shekels, and will tell you that it is not made for carousing purposes only. Among a few of the boys I chanced to hear it remarked that he is not the real "Kid" Parker who has fought Matty Matthews, Young Peter Jackson, Jack Daly, Gans, and many others; but I want to say that if those parties come in contact with one of his "à la McGovern" jolts they would say that it was he, and laud him as a champion of his class. I shall hope for him making his début here in the North, as they like the game very much, and always welcome a new chap as one of their own; then, again, there is so little being done in the South, that the North is really the only place for the £ s. d. He has only been here a week or so, but has said that he should like to remain, as the hospitality already shown is out of the common. He will act as my chief second in my coming contest with Neumier, and I feel he will be with a winner. I will train at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea. Thanking you for kindness whilst in town.

BOXING AT WORCESTER.—ESCOTT beats Thomas.—There was a large attendance at Jem Curran's gymnasium, Worcester, recently, when the chief event on the card was a ten rounds contest at catch-weight between Frank Escott (Birmingham) and Sergeant Thomas, the well-known Worcester boxer. Previous to the star item, several exhibition bouts were staged. Thomas and Escott were well matched so far as height and reach were concerned, but the last-named early took a commanding lead, being too clever for the local man. Thomas made a game fight of it for three rounds, but halfway through the fourth meeting Escott put his rival to sleep with a hard right on the jaw. Mr. J. Cox was referee, while Jem Curran acted as timekeeper.

AMERICAN CABLEGRAM.

BOBBY DOBBS KNOCKED OUT.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING cablegram from our American representative:—

NEW YORK, *June 1.*
MIRROR OF LIFE, *London.*

Joe Gans knocked out Bobby Dobbs in seven rounds at Baltimore last night. Only one man in it. Gans too clever for Dobbs, who was unable to land any effective blow during the fight.

MARTIN.

GINNETT'S CIRCUS, NEWCASTLE.—As each Saturday arrives greater are the attendances at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, where each week Mr. James Lowes provides entertainments of the highest quality, as he has always done since he became the proprietor of the Northumberland Road Hall. From start to finish on Saturday night the excitement was kept up. The opening item was a three falls exhibition of wrestling between W. Thompson, of Brampton, and J. Reay, of Morpeth, and they were pleasing, as were the three rounds of boxing between Jack Tait and Dick Davis, and the latter showed much improvement against such an experienced exponent as Tait. The 11st wrestling competition was then taken in hand, and resulted in E. McDonald, of Carlisle, beating J. Ferguson, of Hetham, he gaining three falls off the reel. Next came a six rounds contest between T. Stephenson, of Gateshead, and W. Parkes, of Newcastle. The lads were well matched, but, although the last named had not been well of late, he made a good show, and the result was a draw. Another six rounds contest was decided between J. Nolan, of Birmingham, and J. Parker, of Newcastle. After looking all over a winner, Parker was knocked out in the fourth round. The great affair of the evening was a twelve rounds contest for £35, between "Darkey" Carpenter, of Newcastle, and S. Johnson, of Gateshead, but from start to finish Johnson had matters all his own way, and received the verdict on points. For this match Andrew Tokel was referee and Sam Francis timekeeper.

JACK O'BRIEN (AMERICA) AND Harry Neumier (London).—On Saturday Jack O'Brien and Harry Neumier met to fix up a match, about which the men have been talking and writing for the past fortnight. After some remarks of a match at 11st both agreed to box at catch-weights. Neumier wanted the contest to be decided in a month's time, but O'Brien, in view of the advanced state of the season, stipulated for an earlier date, and after some discussion articles were drawn up and signed, by which the men agree to box twenty rounds at catch-weight on Tuesday, June 25, O'Brien laying the Englishman £300 to £200. Each round is to be of three minutes' duration, and the match to be fought out in a ring not less than 16ft square, and for the best purse offered by Thursday next. Twenty-five pounds a-side must be made good on Thursday next, June 6, and the balance, along with the purse money, one week before the day of the contest. It was further agreed that both men should wear soft bandages.

CONTEST AT DARLINGTON.—THAT boxing is popular in the "canny North" was certainly evinced by the crowd, and what a crowd, a regular topical one, where the burly pitman rubbed shoulders with the more quieter mechanic of the district at the well-known saloon of Professor George Campbell, erected in the centre of the Market Place, Darlington, the once centre of Quakerdom, founded by the Pease family, who have represented the Borough in Parliament for a number of years. It was here that the first passenger train was run and viewed with awe and astonishment in 1824 from Stockton to Darlington. To revert back to boxing, a special contest had been arranged in which the principals, Cohen, of Leeds, on the one part, and Hudson, of Darlington, on the other, agreed to contest eight rounds for a purse given by Professor Campbell. There were in addition exhibition boxing galore, but on account of space details must be confined to the chief event of the evening. Hudson beat Cohen.—There was very little to choose in the physical developments of either. Hudson was certainly the stronger, and with the aid of a long left lead ran out the winner on points, the contest going the limit. Referee, Professor G. Campbell; timekeeper, W. Swainston; seconds, Harry Smith and Tom Norman.

DICK WARD, OF MANCHESTER, now in Liverpool, will box any man in the North of England for £25 or £50 a-side. An answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be attended to at once.

PROFESSOR VAUGHAN (MALAKOFF Club).—Willie Gill and Ben Taylor will box the best of twelve rounds for £10 a-side and a £10 purse on June 6. Men in the ring at eight o'clock.

JOE FISHER, HEARING SO MUCH talk about J. Hucker's boxing qualities, J. Fisher, of Greenwich, is quite willing to back A. Smith, of Greenock, to box Hucker for £5 a-side at catch-weights.

ANDY WALSH KNOCKS OUT BILL HANRAHAN.

(Special Report.)

NEW BRITAIN, MAY 22.—THE much advertised bout between Andy Walsh, of Brooklyn, and Bill Hanrahan, of New York, the former amateur middleweight champion, was decided at the National A.C. here on Monday night. About 800 persons were present. The affair was scheduled for twenty rounds at 158lb, weigh in at 3 o'clock. John Wells, of Hartford, was the referee, while Billy Dacey, the old-time light-weight, was announcer. Both Walsh and Hanrahan were in fine condition. Owing to the fact that Walsh made such a good showing against Joe Walcott and other clever men, he was the favourite at 2 to 1. Only a few wagers were made, however. The Brooklyn man won in the second round, knocking Hanrahan out. Hanrahan started by rushing, and landed on Walsh's jaw. They then mixed it up hot and heavy, both getting home on the ribs. During a clinch Hanrahan threw Walsh to the floor. When they came together again Hanrahan piled blow after blow, and Walsh was in trouble at the bell. The next round was vicious. Hanrahan sent the right twice to Walsh's jaw and had him groggy. Hanrahan then began to swing wildly, and when it looked as though he would win Andy swung the right hard, and put Hanrahan to sleep with a heavy blow on the jaw. The first preliminary was between "Kid" Wheeler and "Kid" Gillighan, two local light-weights. They were to have met for ten rounds at catch-weights. After fighting for 10sec Wheeler gave Gillighan his quietus with a right hook on the point of the chin. The next affair, limited to fifteen rounds at 119lb, was between Austin Rice, of New London, and Hughey McPadden, of Brooklyn. It was a biff-bang contest from the start. It lasted the limit and was called a draw. Both showed signs of the fracas at the finish.

BOXING AT WEST HARTLEpool.—Archie Wright, of London, and Jack Tait, of Newcastle, met in a twelve rounds contest at 7st 4lb, for £15 a-side and a £10 purse given by the West Hartlepool Gymnasium recently. Wright was seconded by Dan Angus (South Shields), Patsey Haley (Stockton), and Bowman, and Tait by Kirton's novice, Jack Timmerly, and "Jack" Powell. The contest went the full number of rounds, and was keenly fought right throughout. Tait had the majority of the points in the earlier rounds, but the Londoner kept playing for the wind with the right, and the former had tired considerably when the ninth round was reached. Wright now tried all he knew to put the Tynesider out, but the latter again scored freely while making good use of the ring, and the verdict of referee Victor Layton was a draw.

JACK O'BRIEN, AFTER HIS FIGHT with George Christ, told a lot of the "boys" at the Crown Hotel that he was "absolutely surprised" at the warmth of his welcome on Tyneside. That's nowt, Johnny man. We always recognise and appreciate merit here.

FRANK GESS, OF LEEDS, LATE OF Plymouth, who is now travelling with his boxing pavilion through Yorkshire with his troupe of champions, including "Spike" Robson, of South Shields, the 8st 6lb champion of England, the same "Spike" Robson who recently defeated "Sailor" Richardson, George Copper, Jack Murphy, Jack Fulton, who lately defeated Sam Parker, and Martin Gallagher, for the championship of the North of England; Joe Elms, of America. Frank Gess also offers £5 for five rounds, £2 for three rounds.

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, AT CASTLEford Feast, Frank Gess offered £5 to anyone who would stand up to him for five rounds. Dick Walton ("American Dick") took up the challenge, but Gess had him out in 2min 40sec, after punching him all over the ring. We may add that the American was about 7st the heavier man, and had an advantage of 8in in height.

COURTNEY VEAL OF BERMONDSEY, seeing that "Dido" Vardy, of Newcastle, is in want of a match, will be only too pleased to box him ten, fifteen, or twenty rounds, if Mr. Tom Wickwar will give a purse. Failing D. V., Young Capstick can have a match on the same terms. This challenge is also open to any lad in the world at 7st. An answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will lead to business.

ALF GREEN, OF SPITALFIELDS, would like to box Fred Phipps, of Bermondsey, from six to ten rounds, for Harry Wright's purse.

SAM EVANS, OF ROTHERHITHE, would like to box Bill Sadler or Curley Hatton, the best of six or ten rounds, for Harry Wright's purse.

C. BROADBANK IS SURPRISED AT Bob Wilkinson not answering his challenge. As he has beaten C. B., he hopes he will give him another chance if Mr. James Lowes, or any club at the north, will give a purse. An answer will oblige.

McGOVERN v. JACK ROBERTS.

"THE MIRROR OF LIFE" HAS received a communication from the States offering a purse of £1,000 for a contest between Terry McGovern, the feather-weight champion, and Jack Roberts, the 9st champion of England. All arrangements to be left in the hands of THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Roberts is to be allowed travelling expenses, and he will have to scale 9st at three o'clock on the day of the match. It was originally intended to bring this off on July 4, Independence Day, but, owing to the prosecution of the Treasury in the matter of the death of Billy Smith, it has been found necessary to alter the date. Roberts has expressed his willingness to make the trip to the States, and take on McGovern, leaving all arrangements in the hands of THE MIRROR OF LIFE. Generally in pretty good condition, Roberts will be content with three weeks' training on the other side, and, providing the Old Bailey business ends satisfactorily, he will make all haste Westward, and do his best to bring back a case full of greenbacks.

BOXING AT PROFESSOR BLACKburn's Sparring Saloon.—Boxing is extremely popular at Seaforth Sands, judging by the attendance last Wednesday evening at Professor C. Blackburn's Sparring Saloon, when a couple of twelve rounds contests were decided. The first to enter the ring were Harry Brown, the black, and Jem Williams, who indulged in three hard-hitting rounds, after which Paddy Keating, of Walton, and Frank Marshall, of Liverpool, met to box the best of twelve rounds for a £5 prize. Keating was looked after by Jack Pearson, of Manchester, and Jem Doune, whilst Joe Scott and Joe Hewitt looked after the wants of Marshall. The match was interesting for four rounds, when Keating spooked his opponent in the darby, and Marshall remaining down the necessary time, was counted out. The next pair to enter the ring were Billy Brierley, of Liverpool, and Bert Smith ("Irish Count"), who sparred three pretty and scientific rounds, which brought forth rounds of applause. The principal contest of the evening now took place between Jem Holloway, of Liverpool, and Young Edwards, of Wavertree, who met to box the best of twelve rounds for £5 a-side and a £5 prize. Edwards was looked after by Harry Brown, the black, and Jack Owens, whilst Holloway was looked after by Jack Livingstone and Joe Scott. When both men stepped up for Round 1 it was seen that they were in fine condition. Both fought in hurricane style, first one and then another having slightly the best of some heavy fighting, and both were glad when time was called. Both men came up for the second round with forcing orders, and they fought for all they were worth, and it was early seen that the pace the men fought at could not last long. The third and fourth rounds were brimful of excitement, the spectators being treated to a grand fight. The fifth and sixth Edwards forced the pace, and had Holloway nearly out, time saving Holloway when he looked hopelessly beaten. The seventh round Edwards looked all over a winner, but Holloway, steadying himself, swung a terrific right hand which landed on the desired spot, knocking Edwards out of time, the referee awarding the fight to Holloway, the spectators loudly declaring that they had enjoyed one of the best programmes ever put before the Liverpool public. Mr. Ted Roberts acted as referee in both contests, Mr. J. Williams as timekeeper, whilst Prof. C. Blackburn made an efficient M.C.

DEATH OF A BOXER.—OWING to the Law Courts rising for the Whitsuntide holidays, the June Session of the Central Criminal Court, which should have commenced on Monday, has been delayed, and Monday, June 24, has been fixed for the opening of the Sessions, during which the "Billy Smith" case will again be tried. It is stated that the Director of Public Prosecutions will again be represented by Mr. R. D. Muir and Mr. A. H. Bodkin, instructed by Mr. Angus Lewis, from the Solicitor's department of the Treasury. On behalf of the defendants, Mr. Charles W. Mathews and Mr. Guy Stephenson have again been retained by Mr. George C. Lea, the solicitor acting for the defence, but a prominent King's Counsel will be engaged to lead.

HARRY SLOUGH WISHES TO return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Staples, Geo Wilson, Tom Wickwar, Tom Wilson, and Abe Smith for their kindness to him while at Leicester.

THE LANSDOWNE ATHLETIC CLUB, Headquarters, Bakers' Arms, Warner Place, Hackney Road.—Entries are wanted for a 7st 6lb novices' competition, to take place at the headquarters on Tuesday, June 25. Winner to receive a handsome marble clock; also a silver watch for the runner-up. Entries to be sent to Mr. C. Ellett, 9, Durant Street, Bethnal Green.

PRIVATE D. JONES, ROYAL ARMY Medical Corps, South Africa, to Private Goodall, of the Highland Light Infantry.—Not being satisfied by my last defeat I am open to box Goodall ten or twenty rounds in six weeks from signing articles, for £5 a-side, Marquis of Queensberry rules.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONDERLAND.

LAST SATURDAY NIGHT AT WONDERLAND Joe Barrett fought a six rounds draw with Bert Adams, Bill Sadler beat Jack Lewis, six rounds; Harry Fowler beat Alf Bannister Jn. five rounds; Jim Houghton beat Bill May in two rounds, and in a 7st 10lb Competition "Buck" Shine received the verdict.

JOHN BELL, BOSTON, TO ALL comers at 10st 4lb.—At next Saturday's special entertainment at Wonderland is offered a prize to any lad who can stay four rounds with our most recent coloured arrival, who is reported very smart. The challenge is open to all comers at 10st 4lb, Pat Daly, Johnny Hughes, and "Jewey" Cooke preferred.

THE BOXING PONY AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

THE ABOVE MAGNIFICENT BUILD-ing was opened free to the public on Whit Monday, and thousands of Londoners took advantage of it, and paid a visit to the mansion in Wood Green. The first palace was opened to the public in May, 1873, but a fire took place in the Central Hall on June 9, and within a few hours only a smouldering ruin remained. The present building was erected by Lucas Brothers, and opened in May, 1875, under the management of Sir Edward Lee. The halls and gardens are like those of the Crystal Palace, only much smaller, while the great organ in the Central Transept was constructed at a cost of £20,000. The Transept itself will accommodate an orchestra of 2,000, while there is seating accommodation for 12,000 persons. While there our representative visited the marvellous Howards (Thomas and Louie), the world's great illusionists, clairvoyants, mind-readers, and second-sight marvels. After a series of illusions showing a woman without any body, the head and shoulders only, as well as another illusion showing the lower portion of the body without any head or shoulders, they perform the vanishing lady trick, the lady disappearing from the place only to reappear at the word of command. It is a wonderful illusion, and well worth a visit from everybody who journeys to the Palace. In the corridor Ernie Plummer, England's greatest trick ball puncher, is not only showing how a ball ought to be hit, but afterwards spars with the boxing pony. The bout is worth witnessing, but as the pony is iron-shod, Plummer has to be as quick as a streak of greased lightning. He has taught the animal how to guard a blow, and the boxing pony is almost as clever as the boxing Kangaroo. This really deserves a visit from all that go to Wood Green, while Mr. Fred Philpot makes an efficient M.C. The palace is easily reached, as trains run to the doors, while from Euston and Moorgate Street trams arrive every five minutes within ten minutes' walk from the palace.

JAMES BROPHY AND W. ROBINSON.—James Brophy, Swalwell, and W. Robinson, Gateshead, box the best of twenty rounds at catch-weight, for a purse of £50 and £25 a-side, at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday night, June 24. Both men have been in strict training since the match was ratified, and are reported to be going on most satisfactorily. Brophy has been down at South Shields for some time, Robinson doing his work on the outskirts of Gateshead. Each man has a strong following, and the chances of both are being frequently discussed. The final deposit of £15 a-side is to be made good next Friday night, between 7 and 9 o'clock, at the Hexham House, Newcastle, together with the purse money.

LACHIE THOMSON AND JACK Palmer.—Articles have now been drawn up and signed binding a twenty rounds contest between Lachie Thomson (Glasgow) and Jack Palmer (Newcastle) at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, on Monday, June 24, for £50 a side and Mr. Lowes's purse. The conditions are that 4oz gloves be used, that the rounds be of 3min duration, and that Palmer weighs in at 11st at 1 o'clock on the day of the contest, Thomson to be at catch-weight. £10 a-side has been posted, the remainder of the stake, as well as the purse, has to be made good to the referee on the night of the contest. The men to be at Ginnett's Circus not later than 8.15 p.m.

TOM JAMES, OF ABERAMAN, IS open to box James Arnold, of Brynmawr, the best of twenty rounds for a purse and side stake.

H. N. HUNNS (H.M.S. PEMBROKE), in reply to the challenge of J. Groves, says he is now in hospital.

H. SAFFER, THE WELL-KNOWN sporting man of Spitalfields, will box E. Solomons, of Norton Folgate, if Mr. J. Parker will give a purse, or Mr. Sol Harris, the well-known East-end bookmaker. An answer through this paper will kindly oblige.

WANTED, a BOXER, not to exceed 10st in weight, to travel with a Boxing and Weight-lifting Booth. Good amateur may write. Beer eaters please save stamps.—Address, Goliath, post office (till called for), Arniston, near Edinburgh, Scotland.

MARVIN HART KNOCKS OUT DAN CREEDON.

(Special Report.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., MAY 25.—MARVIN Hart knocked out Dan Creedon to-night before the Southern Athletic Club in the sixth round. It was one of the fiercest ring battles that has taken place in this country since the repeal of the Horton law in New York. There were 3,500 spectators. Many prominent western critics were at the ringside, and they all declare that Hart is a championship possibility. Hart is twenty-three years old. He has been fighting little more than one year, and his defeat of Creedon is his fifteenth successive victory. He has never been defeated, and has beaten "Australian" Jemmy Ryan, Tommy West, and Dan Creedon without much trouble.

LEWIS POWELL, HEARING THAT Nat Handy, of Abertillery, is harping a lot about his fighting, Tom Yankes or Lewis Powell can be backed to fight him the best of twenty two-minute rounds for any amount that he can raise. An answer through this paper will be attended with prompt recognition.

PAT NOLAN TO "DIDO" VARDY.—Seeing that "Dido" Vardy, of Newcastle, cannot get on a match, I, Pat Nolan, late of Dublin, now of Mossend, am willing to box him or anyone in the North of England at 7st 6lb, in three weeks' time, if Mr. Jemmy Lowes, of Newcastle, will give a purse, and will post £1 with the editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE for my appearance in the ring. An answer from Vardy will oblige.

YOUNG EDWARDS, OF WAVER-tree, not being satisfied with his defeat, would like to box Jem Holloway at 9st for £5 a-side and best purse offered. Failing a match with Holloway, would like to box Hewitt, of Wavertree, or Kelly, of Liverpool, on same terms.

BOXERS AND THEIR WAYS—OF ADVERTISING.

"LACHIE" THOMSON, OF GLASGOW, matched to box Jack Palmer, of Manchester at Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, the best of twenty rounds at 11st, for £50 and purse of £100, is advertised to meet P. McDonald, of Glasgow, in a three rounds bout in the Robert Street Hall, Govan, near Glasgow, on the 24th inst., the same date as for the Newcastle match Thomson is undoubtedly a capable man, a born sport, and fond of keeping his engagements. We are of opinion, however, that he is not sufficiently ubiquitous to face both engagements on the one evening.

"KID" JOHNSON, OF AMERICA, to John Bell, of Boston, America.—I am disappointed at none of the boxers on this side taking up my challenge, and I hereby challenge John Bell, of Boston, and will meet him at Wonderland if the manager of that club will offer a suitable purse. This challenge is open to "Jewey" Cooke and Harry Neumier at 10st or 10st 4lb. An answer through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be noted.

JAMES J. CONLON, IN ANSWER to H. Alick (the black), of Santa Cruz, Will box him twenty rounds, three minutes each, for £25 or £50 a-side and the best purse offered. MIRROR OF LIFE to find gloves and appoint referee. Meet at the house of Mr. Jack Doyle, Aberdeen Arms, North Shields, on Saturday, June 8, prepared to make match.

ANDREW WOOD, OF GATESHEAD, and Alf Lloyd, of St. Luke's, will box the best of twenty rounds at the Stockton Excelsior Gymnasium on Monday next, June 10, for £25 a-side, and the purse of £30 given by the club. Both lads have been training for the last fortnight, and a good contest is in store for the patrons of the above club.

JEM FAY, OF LEICESTER, TO Harry Slough, of London.—Being dissatisfied with the decision given against him in his recent contest with Slough, Jem Fay can be matched to box him the same number of rounds on similar conditions for from £50 open to £100 a-side. An early answer will oblige, as business only is meant.

OWEN MORAN (BIRMINGHAM) AND "Digger" Stanley (London) Matched.—On Saturday afternoon Owen Moran and "Digger" Stanley were matched to box twenty 2min rounds at 7st 10lb for £10 a-side and the best purse submitted, on June 17. Offers of purses to be considered on June 10. £5 a-side has been deposited. A further £5 a-side, making up the total of £10 a-side, is to be made good on the date the purse is accepted. Moran was represented by Mr. W. Wilson, and Stanley by Messrs. W. Le Neve and W. Hill. Mr. Harry Cullis, who was present, offered a £10 purse for the event, and this amount will be accepted failing a larger sum being submitted by the date named.

PRIVATE JAMES, OF THE WEST Kent Regiment, will box Bill Bradley, of Bethnal Green, any number of rounds at 8st 10lb if Harry Wright will give a purse.

JACK O'BRIEN, PHILADELPHIA (AMERICA), TO GEORGE GARDNER, OF NEW ENGLAND (AMERICA).

JACK O'BRIEN WOULD BE ONLY too pleased to meet George Gardner according to his challenge, but he wishes Gardner to understand that it must be for no paltry side stake at the ring side. His terms are a match for five hundred pounds a-side (£500), not one cent less, and the largest purse offered by any club or boxing promoter in England. Jack O'Brien wishes to remind George Gardner of the relative difference between him (George Gardner) and himself (Jack O'Brien) as a drawing card, as whereas Gardner had a very fluky victory over Frank Craig (the "Coffee Cooler") when at anything but his best, whilst he (Jack O'Brien) has defeated men at least a stone heavier than himself—viz., Harry Smith (of Birmingham), Jack Thompson (of Newcastle), and George Chrisp (of Newcastle). If these terms will suit a deposit to THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be immediately covered.

GREEN LAMP B.C., DALE END, Liverpool.—Considerable interest was manifested in the final bout of the 7st 8lb competition, which was decided at the Green Lamp, Dale End, last Saturday night. Sam Nutt and George Price were left in, and the former won, mainly through the medium of a series of smart deliveries with the left hand. Jem Dwyer was referee, and Professor Harry Cullis, M.C. The seconding was shared by "Gallett" Williams and Tom Moran. Walter Jackson, of Leicester, gave an exhibition of ball punching. An 8st 4lb competition will takes place here on June 4.

CHARLIE KNOCK, TO ALL ENGLAND at 9st 10lb.—Receiving no answer from Tom Ireland, Knock is now prepared to box Jack Goldswain, "Jewey" Cooke, or any other man in England, nobody barred, at 9st 10lb, for the New Adelphi Club's purse.

HIS INTELLECT WAS WEAK,

But He Had a Big Bump of Curiosity.

(*Subject of Illustration.*)

HARMLESS lunatics and imbeciles in general cause commotion by their oddities. This was the case the other evening at a Sunday School in Camberwell. A rather pretty girl had taken her place for the purpose of devotion, when a thick-set individual placed himself beside her on the vacant seat. The lace attached to her dress attracted his attention, and, to her consternation, he proceeded to lift her dress to examine it; at the same time, in an audible whisper, he said, "How much a yard." It was not until he was ejected that order was restored.

DICK LEE,

Who Recently Left the Amateur Ranks for Higher Honours in the Ring.

(*With Portrait.*)

HIS first important engagement was in the amateur ranks, when he won an open competition at the 17th North Middlesex Rifles School of Arms, following it up by winning the Columbia 9st and Poly 9st open, also the German Gymnastic competitions twice in succession, 1898, 1899; won the amateur championship of England, 1900; beat Martin at the Kensington Boxing Club; then turned pro. Beat "Wag" Ashley in 10rds; entered in the 8st 10lb championship belt, beating George Harding and H. Chamberlain, got beaten in the final by Bert Adams.

JOE PARKER,

A Clever 8st 6lb Lad who Hails from Tottenham.

(*With Portrait.*)

THE following is his record:—Met "Dodger" Richardson, Joe Barrett, Bill Hoad, Bill Hullett, Fred Homewood, C. Broadbank, Sid Scales, Sid Phillips, J. Walker, Tom Cooper, George Cooper, Wal Raybould, J. Wheeler, Dick Parkes, Jack Fowler, Watkins, A. Greer; won two 7st 6lb competitions. Open to box any lad in England at 8st 4lb or 8st 6lb.

LAST NIGHTS ARE ANNOUNCED of the successful play, "The Messenger Boy," at the Gaiety.

THE CLUB-SWINGING RECORD.—At Cape Town, on May 28, Tom Burrows, the Australian athlete, beat his own thirty hours' world's club-swinging record.

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W. GOODBOURN,
BROOKSIDE VILLA, GRANGE ST., HULL

EDGAR ROMAINE IS PAYING A welcome return visit at the Oxford.

THE BROTHERS GRIFFITHS ARE at the Empire, New Cross.

"ZAZA," WITH MRS. LEWIS WALLER in the title rôle, is playing to big houses at the Grand, Islington.

MR. OSWALD BRAND'S NEW musical play, "The Fisher Girl," has met with much success in the provinces. It will be seen in London in due course.

THE QUEEN'S (POPLAR) PRO-gramme numbers, amongst other things, that of Paul Martinetti and Co., who are appearing in the famous "Keyhole" sketch. On Monday next "A Duel in the Snow" will be produced.

CHIRGWIN TOPS AN EXCELLENT bill at the Holloway Empire. Some new and up-to-date pictures are being shown by the bioscope, and Mdlle. Orbassany's cockatoos, Charley Deane, with tuneful melodies, and other notable turns are included in the programme.

THE LADIES' CYCLE RACES WERE successfully resumed at the Aquarium on Monday last, when a six days' race for a purse of considerable value and the championship was commenced. The race is run by French and English riders in three sections twice daily.

"THE GIRL FROM UP THERE" has come to stay. She is filling the Duke of York's Theatre nightly with appreciative audiences. It was a bright and merry piece at its first production. It is 50 per cent. better now. Works of this kind allow of any amount of alterations and additions, and in the present case opportunities have not been lost. Miss Edna May has been provided with fresh songs, which she warbles in her own sweet way. Miss Virginia Earle's impersonation of the sprightly kiss-bestowing prima donna gains in piquancy, and the business of the comedians has been elaborated. A tremendous hit is made with the burlesque on "Tell Me, Pretty Maidens."

"THE MAN FROM BLANKLEY'S" is already a much discussed play, and the Prince of Wales's is nightly crowded. Charles Hawtrey as Lord Strathpeffer has a part that fits him like the proverbial glove; he plays the character with his usual natural and easy grace. The principal feature of the play is in the second act, when fourteen people sit down to dinner and entertain the audience with their feeding and conversation. Quite a hit is made by A. Fitzgerald as a vacuous youth with a constant laugh; it is a clever bit of character acting, and thoroughly deserves the applause bestowed upon it. Miss Fanny Brough as the much worried hostess is admirably suited, and scores all along, Miss Jessie Bateman as the governess is bewitching, and dainty Arthur Playfair as an aristocratic butler, hired for the evening, provides some genuine comic humour, and many other clever people complete a strong cast.

"THE SILVER SLIPPER," PRO-duced on Saturday last, ought to fill the Lyric Theatre for a considerable time to come, for the bright, catchy, yet withal excellent music there can be nothing but praise, and Mr. Leslie Stuart has undoubtedly scored another big success. The book is by Mr. Owen Hall and provides plenty of opportunity for the very favourable company, and the frequent bursts of laughter and applause testify how excellently well the audience appreciate it. In the purveying of genuine mirth the opera is strong. Willie Edouin, of course, takes the palm, for in the character of Twanks he has ample scope for his undoubted ability, and he plays it for all it is worth, and it is a part which he will doubtless elaborate still further during the run of the play. Henry Leoni is provided with excellent songs. Miss Connie Ediss is well looked after, and her songs also are loudly applauded. A distinct hit is made with "She Doesn't Know Enough About the Game," sung by Louis Bradfield, which will soon be heard all over London. Miss Hare, Miss Coralie Blythe, Miss Girling, and others work well for the success of the piece. The scenery and dresses are gorgeous, and it is all very gay and exhilarating.

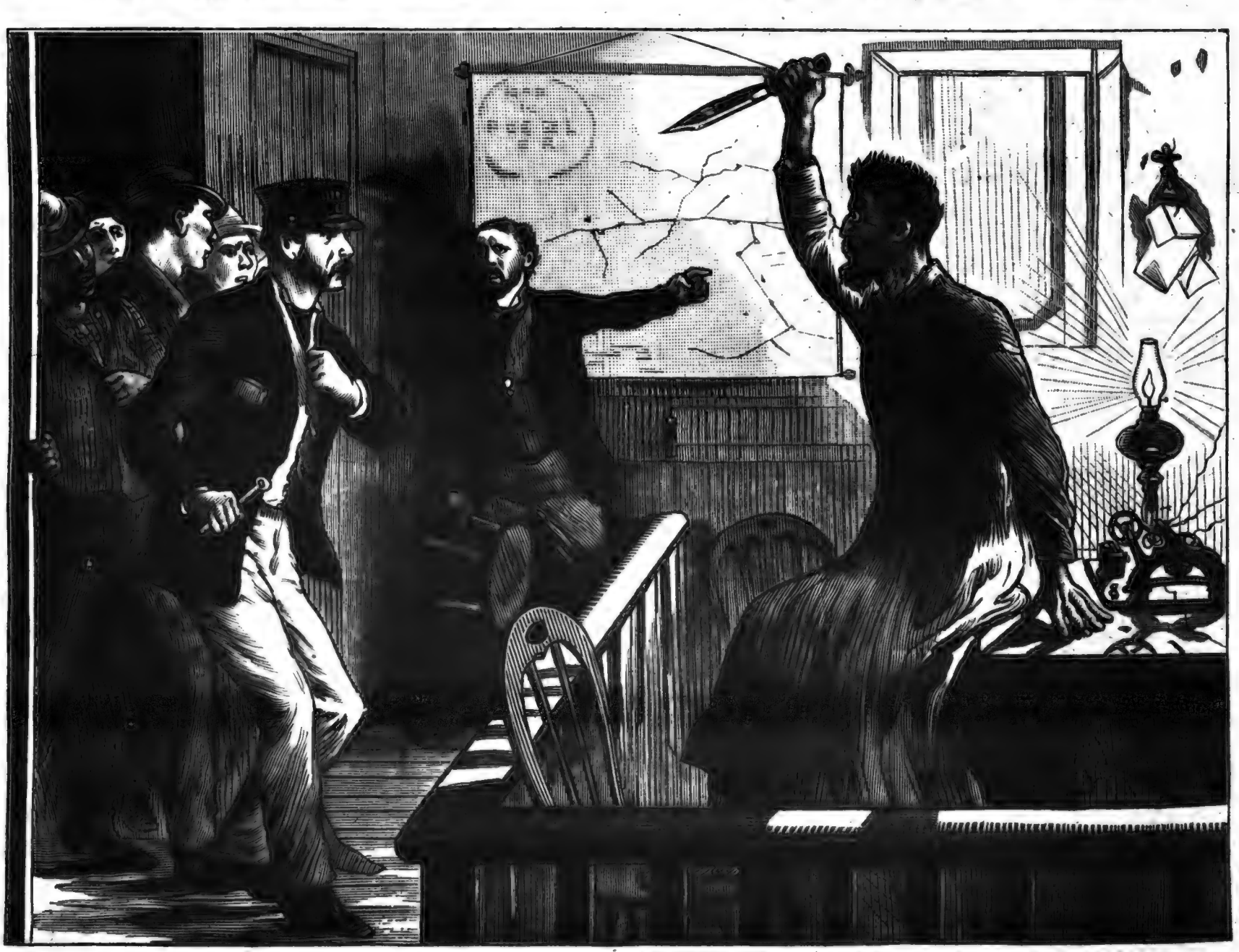
DAVE.

HARRY HARRIS,

"Pedlar" Palmer's Conqueror, who has Gone to America to Fight George Dixon at Denver, Colorado.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

A Thief who Lingered Longer than Necessary.

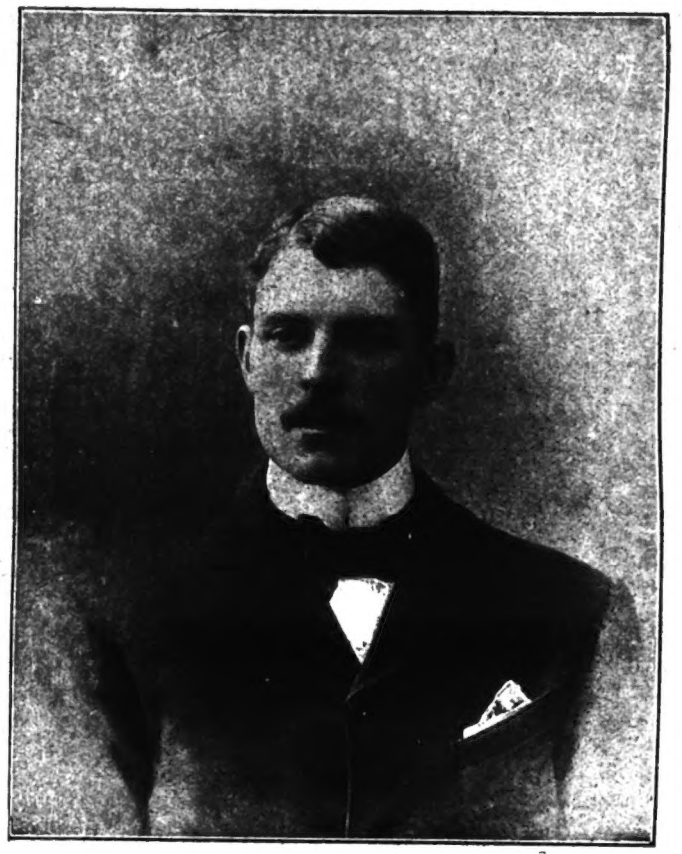


THE SIGNALMAN HAS A MAD VISITOR.

An Escaped Lunatic Defies Capture.

A CURE FOR SOMNAMBULISM.

She Tied Herself to a Peg Above the Bed.



W. A. BARRY,

Of Putney, Ex-Champion Sculler of England.

SHE GAVE THE COMPANY AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE.

How a Black Gal Replied to a Marriage Advertisement.

WRESTLING THAT DISABLES.

FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL THERE were

Those who took who had the power,
And those who keep who can;

therefore the great art of wrestling, and of other games, was to thoroughly disable an opponent; to render him incapable of pursuing in the old days, when cattle-lifting and other predatory goings on, was the chief aim and object of the strong men of the times. To give a man a throw as in the Westmoreland and Cumberland style is not to disable a man and render him incapable. It remains for the catch-as-catch-can wrestler not to wait for a hold, but to seize his adversary and at once down him. When there, it was his duty to prevent him from doing further mischief, and render him harmless, before being able to depart with the beast. We believe the catch-as-catch-can, synonymous with the Græco-Roman, the Cornwall and Devon, Lancashire, &c., was a form of wrestling before the Cumberland and Westmoreland had an existence. The latter style of wrestling has been invested with a halo by such poets as Sir Walter Scott, from the simple fact that this great writer was in the same position as the author of "Wrestliana," only acquainted with this particular style; but other counties besides the Border ones have had their heroes. Who was more of a hero than Abraham Cann, the great Cornish wrestler and champion, and what wrestler could show more peans of praise in his favour? The Westmoreland and Cumberland style may have their Noble Ewbanks, their Johnny Longmires, their Grahames, &c., but in Cornwall and Devon the searcher after truth will find the names of wrestlers which have a deathless fame. The doings of the Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestlers were exhausted once upon a time in one volume called "Wrestliana," yet that volume is continually réchauffed by the author to prove that the one form of wrestling that he knows is the best. Why cannot he evolve new facts? Why cannot he be up to date and allow that, however good the one form of wrestling which he knows may be, there are virtues in the others, and such virtues that in man subduing man render them paramount. Among the many famous men that have been considered champions in Cornwall and Devon there must be mentioned Abraham Cann (whose match with Polkinhorne will live in the records of the game) and his brother James Tom Cooper, who was the acknowledged champion of Devon for years, and held the title till in the late seventies Sam Rundle beat him and wrested the honours. Major Ham, W. Hendia, Jack Smith, J. Killos, W. Tressada, and Jack Carkeek (the present all-round champion) must be mentioned among the prominent exponents of the Cornish system, while among others the Devonshire county have long records added to such mighty champions as George Bickle, Sam Oliver, W. Marshall, Dick Baker, John Millon, Fred Hutchings, George Stone, Jack Slade, and S. Howard. Though Jack Carkeek (the present world's champion) is an American (born at Shortlands, Michigan, U.S.A.), still his parents were Cornish, and thus the county mentioned can claim the proud title of producing, even if a Yankee, the world's champion. Wrestling is generally regarded as an old English sport by all its exponents (amateur and professional), but its origin may be traced back to the commencement of the world, as Cain seized Abel and slew him. This can easily be seen, as, when Cain laid hold, a struggle was certain before his brother was laid low, and this must certainly constitute the first record in the world of wrestling. Strength was always a necessity in those days, and the inhabitants of the earth gained this by hard labour, such as tilling the ground, felling trees, building huts, &c. In those days there were giants in the land, and by taking care of themselves they lived to a good old age, their vitality not being taxed by any of the excesses of the present day. Thus it can be understood that the first rules of wrestling were catch-as-catch-can, and now that we are more civilised rules have been brought into play to make the public thoroughly understand the game. These make the sport one of the best athletic exercises known, any hold being allowed that is consistent with civilised life, throttling being always barred. We will first deal with the above style, and then in rotation take them on in turn, leaving our readers to judge if they are placed in order. Wrestlers are not restricted to any rules, and can take hold of an opponent in any manner they like, and if a throw nowadays meant a victory, what chance would a man li[illegible] the catch-as-catch can champion (Jo[illegible] Carroll of Hindley) have with men like Steadman or Louden, the champions in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style. It is not possible that a man scaling a little over 11st can successfully contest for a time against a rival weighing 20st. Weight must tell in everything, wrestling in particular, but were a 20st man meeting a middle-weight (11st 4lb) under catch-as-catch can rules, the result would certainly be different, as, though cleverness is exhibited up above, it is nothing compared to the science shown on the mat. We have seen an audience wrought up to the extreme pitch of excitement, and when a contest seemed lost the underneath athlete would, by an agile movement, suddenly turn and get out of danger. Excitement has ran high, and bouts have been lengthened into hours, before a fall was gained by one of the men. Weight tells in this, as in everything else, but a good little one can extend a rival for a considerable time, and very often when contesting for a stipulated time a draw has resulted. The best weight for wrestlers is between thirteen and sixteen stone, but over that one cannot find good and nimble men. The position usually used by experts is placing head to head and wait for an opening to throw the opponent on the carpet. A competitor is at liberty to lay upon the mat and try for a fall there, any reasonable hold being allowed, throttling being always barred in English wrestling. Everybody in meeting an opponent tries to throw him, and frequently feels his antagonist's foot round his leg, but if a scientific wrestler he can easily turn this to good account, as by loosening his hold and allowing him to be pushed forward, and not backwards, a clever man can always turn this to account by using the hank or hipe (right or left), and then the positions may be turned, the aggressor being obliged to act on the defensive. The outside click is only the back-heel used when the athlete is acting on the defensive. Indeed, except as a matter of defence, it is hardly used, and as that it is invaluable to all wrestlers. Having stated what the outside click is, it is only right to give an example of its fellow, the inside click. This is an aggressive movement, and when a skilful wrestler gets a fair hold, the odds are greatly in favour of going down, and it is very seldom that the tables are turned by the underneath man. The best at this throw is one who, while in England, has seldom used it, but when Jack Carkeek (America) does try it in earnest lovers of wrestling will witness a treat. The buttock and cross-buttock come next as offensive measures on the top of the ground, and you have to get partially underneath your rival, and, after getting your leg round him, lift him bodily upon your back, and then throw him over your head. Once upon the ground, however, the best and cleverest work is seen, as it is not till both shoulders touch the floor that a success is gained. The Nelsons are the favourite methods of attack, and by far the most punishing of these is the Bar-Nelson. It inflicts a tremendous exertion on the one nearest the ground, who frequently makes a bridge and gets out of danger. This is lying on your head and feet with your body raised from the ground, and it takes a skilful and agile man to escape being laid flat. The Full or Double-Nelson (putting both arms under your opponent's, and clasp them at the back of the neck) is barred and forbidden at nearly all of the wrestling resorts in the civilised world, and we will say nothing more about it. It is very pretty to witness in exhibitions, and to see a strong man break loose, as if held by bands of twine, but in a contest they are not allowed, as then brutality would be seen.

The Lancashire method of wrestling is only what can be termed a rough Catch-as-Catch-Can style of the art, while all the holds used in the one are allowed in the other. The proper costume is the same, viz., "a pair of bathing drawers," as tights give a firmer hold to an opponent, and a pair of socks or stockings, so as to give the feet a secure holding. In exhibition bouts a singlet is used, but in contests this would give the rival a hold, and is abolished. Being a rough catch-as-catch-can the presiding official has all his work to do in keeping the men in order, and see that no brutality occurs. A fall is the same as the preceding mode, and both shoulders must touch the floor to the satisfaction of the referee, and the recognised time is two seconds, though a competent official can decide at once. The Double-Nelson is barred in this, as in almost every other mode, as it too often tends to brutality. As before, it is only on the mat that the science of wrestling is seen, and a bout between two trained men is well worth seeing. The best style of the system of ground-wrestling is the Græco-Roman, and this is identically the same as both the foregoing styles, except that no holds are allowed below the waist. Thus the inside and outside leg strokes are forbidden, and until they get upon the mat it is closely related to all other modes. It is a question of skill and strength, though a combatant can go on the mat and await the work there. Bar the leg catching, it can be classed as either catch-as-catch-can or Lancashire styles, and needs no further remarks.

The Scotch or Border system of wrestling is simply Cumberland and Westmoreland up above, and the Lancashire and catch-as-catch-can methods on the mat. As a man, before being declared the victor, has to place both his rival's shoulders on the carpet, it is really down below that the struggle begins, and this was explained in the previous articles.

In Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestling, a fall is acknowledged when a man has been thrown off his feet on to the ground. If both athletes go down together, the one that touches the ground last wins, and if the judge declares they both touched the floor together it is termed a dog-fall. All the clicks, back-heels, buttocks, &c., permissible in the preceding modes are allowed here, and the combatants are attired in the regulation costume. The man that lets go his hold loses the battle—providing, of course, his rival still retains his. Any part of a man's body cannot touch the floor without his being declared the loser, providing the referee sees it. Thus, if a man's knee is upon the ground for even a second, the verdict must be given to his rival. The best match seen in this style was the bout between two heavyweights, George Steadman and George Louden, for "Jolly Jumbo's" championship belt, and it was only owing to the mattress not fitting the stage, and his rival getting his opponent on to the uncovered margin that the latter was successful. To certain of the old timers Cumberland and Westmoreland is the premier style, but the best way of deciding supremacy would be to take the best at the style, with a good one in either catch-as-catch-can, Lancashire, Græco-Roman, or Border styles, and let them contest a course at each. The champion at the latter styles could easily win the four, and without trying, allow the other to his rival, and a plain view of the case is that each and everyone of the preceding modes must be far in advance of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

Now that the styles of Devon and Cornwall are amalgamated, it forms what is almost the most scientific of all, and to many experts is really the best of the bunch. In the old times kicking was allowed in the Devonshire style, and it was nearly always the case that the one who could kick hardest and quickest won the match. It always happened that the shins and legs of the wrestlers were raw from the effect of the heavy boots that were employed. Instead of being nude from the waist upwards, exponents in the fashion have on a strong linen jacket, and the holds are nearly all on the cloth, and it has to be pretty strong. A fall in this method of wrestling will itself show the public how scientific a man must be before he gains the decision. The holds are more varied than in the previous mode, and there are more of them, and when thrown a man can, if he comes down on his nether extremity, raise himself on his legs and proceed as if nothing had happened. A competitor, when in danger of going down, falls flat upon his breast if possible in order to avoid a chance of the referee deciding it a three-point fall. A match between an expert in the more northern fashion (Cumberland and Westmoreland) would be almost certain to result in the latter's defeat, as, if thrown, the Devon and Cornish champion could always claim no fall, as two hips and one shoulder, or vice versa, alone constitutes a win. The competitors are not permitted to catch hold of any part below the jacket, and without any more details we will ask the readers of the article to agree that more science is required in this style than in any other. In French wrestling the competitors have to advance with open hands, and keep them so during a match, though they can grasp the arms from the wrists to tighten their hold. The rules are enough for anybody that understands any other style to pronounce them foolish, and a few are hereby given. 1. Holds are allowed from the head to the waist. 2. Tripping, &c., is forbidden. 3. If a wrestler falls on either shoulder, side, or knee, they have to begin again. 4. If the combatants roll on the mat the referee can give a decision if both shoulders are down at once. 5. The presiding official and the public must see that both shoulders are down to constitute a fall. The German mode is almost similar to the French, and all leg work is foul, so that the strongest man nearly always wins. This article is simply written to show that the one that appeared in a Sunday paper a short time back is not in order, as that would lead anyone to the belief that Cumberland and Westmoreland wrestling is superior to all other styles, whereas, as seen by the statement above, it is not so. What champion in Cumberland and Westmoreland could beat the other, one bout in every style? Square hold or collar and elbow wrestling is very popular in America, and the competitors are required to wear short jackets that do not extend below the hips. Each wrestler has to take hold of his opponent's collar with his right hand, and is not allowed to move his hold until a fall is decided. To constitute a fall a man has to be thrown on two hips and one shoulder, or two shoulders and one hip, as in the Cornish and Devon style. It is impossible to say more about wrestling in the space at our disposal, and anybody that reads the above can testify what is the best of the lot.

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